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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. ASK EVERYONE TO
7 PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY A GOOD
8 FRIEND, PASTOR VERGIL BEST, ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH IN
9 ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
10 LED BY MR. JACK BOREN, MEMBER OF SAN FERNANDO POST NUMBER 603,
11 JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. PASTOR
12 BEST?

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14 **PASTOR VERGIL BEST:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU PRAY WITH ME? OUR
15 HEAVENLY FATHER, WE READ IN THE PSALMS THAT KING DAVID WROTE,
16 HE SAYS, "THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE. LET US
17 REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT." WE HUMBLY GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THE
18 LIFE AND BREATH THAT YOU GIVE US. OUR FATHER, THIS MORNING, I
19 ASK YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, EACH ONE OF
20 THEM. THANK YOU FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND ASK THAT YOU GIVE
21 THEM WISDOM AS THEY CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY, THAT YOU
22 WOULD BLESS THEM IN THEIR LABOR AS THEY SERVE AND LEAD. ALSO,
23 I ASK THAT YOU WOULD GIVE THEM HEALTH AND SAFETY. WE PRAY FOR
24 THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR STAFF AND THE EMPLOYEES WHO FAITHFULLY
25 SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND, FATHER, AS THE



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1 SUPERVISORS MEET TODAY TO CONSIDER AND TO MAKE MANY IMPORTANT
2 DECISIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD DIRECT THEIR THOUGHTS AND
3 THEIR ACTIONS AND THEIR DECISIONS. AS WE NEAR THE SEASON OF
4 THANKSGIVING NEXT WEEK, LET US TAKE TIME TO GIVE THANKS AND TO
5 REFLECT ON HOW BLESSED WE ARE AS A PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE
6 OF US WHO ARE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
7 AND ESPECIALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M SURE THAT MOST OF
8 THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, IF HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, WOULD CHOOSE
9 TO LIVE HERE. NOW WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BLESS THIS MEETING,
10 ASK IN THE NAME OF OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, THE ONE WHOM I PRAY TO
11 AND SERVE. AMEN.

12

13 **JACK BOREN:** AUDIENCE, PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT
14 HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
15 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AS I MENTIONED, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO
18 WELCOME AND THANK PASTOR VERGIL BEST, WHO IS PASTOR OF
19 DEVELOPMENT AT ROLLING HILLS COVENANT CHURCH FOR THE PAST 34
20 YEARS. HE GREW UP IN THE SOUTH BAY AND, FOR THE PAST 31 YEARS,
21 HAS LIVED WITH HIS WIFE, FAYE AND THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED 52
22 WONDERFUL YEARS IN SAN PEDRO. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY AND HAS A
23 BACKGROUND IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TWO COMPANIES THAT ARE
24 INVOLVED IN REAL ESTATE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS. AFTER 10
25 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, HE RETIRED TO SERVE FULL TIME



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1 IN THE MINISTRY. HE ENJOYS GARDENING, EVANGELISM AND WORKING
2 WITH PEOPLE AND WHAT A BETTER MIX? AND, AGAIN, IT'S A
3 PRIVILEGE. I THANK YOU, PASTOR BEST, FOR JOINING US ONCE AGAIN
4 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. PRESIDENT-- MR. CHAIRMAN...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** "MR. PRESIDENT" IS OKAY.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. PRESIDENT IS OKAY. [LAUGHTER] YOUR
11 EXCELLENCY? BUT I BELIEVE IN THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND
12 STATE. [LAUGHTER]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I CAN'T GO THAT FAR. [LAUGHTER]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
17 MORNING BY JACK BOREN OF BEVERLY HILLS IN THE THIRD
18 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. JACK IS REPRESENTING THE SAN FERNANDO
19 POST NUMBER 603 OF THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED
20 STATES. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1951 THROUGH
21 '52 IN THE 373RD FIELD SUPPORT UNIT IN GERMANY. HE'S RECEIVED
22 THE ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
23 THE UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS THE FORMER OWNER, NOW
24 RETIRED, OF SAUL'S DELI, A PLACE WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MY
25 DELINQUENCY OVER THE YEARS, AND WE ARE VERY HONORED THAT HE



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1 LED US IN THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING. AND, JACK, THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH FOR DOING THAT AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE
3 TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE
6 AGENDA.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 7. ON ITEM S-1, AS NOTED ON THE
10 GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED
11 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2004.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
22 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9
3 AND ITEM NUMBER 4 INCLUDES REVISIONS AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
4 SHEET.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 10.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
12 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL, ITEM 11.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ARTS COMMISSION. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR
20 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 13.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
2 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 14.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
7 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ITEM 15.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 16, HOLD FOR A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 17 THROUGH 23. ON
20 ITEM NUMBER 17, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 21, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO HOLD
25 FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BUT I'M



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1 GOING TO READ A REVISION INTO THE RECORD AND THAT'S TO, ON
2 LINE 5, APPROVE THE REALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE OF UP TO A
3 MAXIMUM OF \$3.3 MILLION IN MEASURE B TRAUMA PROPERTY
4 ASSESSMENT FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005, TO THE COUNTY
5 ADMINISTERED TRAUMA ACCOUNT, AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO
6 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM COUNTY OBLIGATION BUY-UP TO AN ADDITIONAL
7 20%, NOT TO EXCEED \$664,000 AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION
8 ADJUSTMENT TO REALLOCATE \$1.9 MILLION IN MEASURE B TRAUMA
9 PARTICIPANT ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES FROM THE FISCAL YEAR
10 2004/2005 TRAUMA PROPERTY ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET.
11 WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
12 PUBLIC. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
16 SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEMS 24 AND 25.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY THE
21 CHAIR. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH. ON ITEM 26, SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 27 AND 28.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 41. ON
9 ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
10 CONTINUANCE.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THE THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEM 42.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
22 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 43 AND
25 44.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEM 45
6 THROUGH 55.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEMS 45 THROUGH 55, CHAIR WILL MOVE IT,
9 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
10 ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. 56 IS AN
13 ORDINANCE RELATING TO A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A CABLE
14 TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF KEGLE CANYON.
15 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
19 ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION. ON ITEM 57, FOR
22 THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO". OH. AND THE ITEM IS
23 BEFORE YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHE'S NOT HERE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
3 SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BUDGET MATTERS, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 61. ON
6 ITEM 58, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE
7 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS REQUESTING
12 THAT WE HOLD THE BUDGET ITEMS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ON 58, DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM
15 REFERRING BACK TO ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE? ZEV?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, WHICH NUMBER WAS THAT?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU REQUESTED A HOLD ON 58 THROUGH 61.
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS REQUESTING A REFER BACK TO HIS OFFICE
21 ON 58. IS THAT OKAY? OKAY. ITEM 58 WILL BE REFERRED BACK, AND
22 THEN ON THE REMAINDER, WILL BE HELD.

23



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I MOVE ON TO
2 MISCELLANEOUS, I WAS JUST GIVEN THE REQUEST TO HOLD ITEM 28
3 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 28. OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE, MOVE FOR
6 RECONSIDERATION. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WE WILL HOLD ITEM NUMBER
7 28.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO
10 THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF
11 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS
12 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. 62-A.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR
16 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 62-B.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE CHAIR
21 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 62-C, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 62-D.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WILL
6 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON 62-E, MR. CHAIRMAN, IT SHOULD BE
9 YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
13 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL
17 DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV, I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH THE EMPLOYEE
20 OF THE MONTH, PLEASE. IT'S NOW MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO ALL
21 OF YOU THE NOVEMBER 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, PHILLIP OW. [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WOW, PHILLIP, YOU REALLY BROUGHT A CHEERING
25 SECTION. NORMALLY-- IT'S GREAT! HAVING OVER 30 YEARS OF



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1 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PHILLIP IS
2 CURRENTLY A PROGRAM SPECIALIST 3 FOR THE LOSS CONTROL AND
3 PREVENTION SECTION OF THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, THE RISK MANAGEMENT
4 BRANCH. AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
5 THE OFFICE OF ERGONOMICS AND S.E.I.U LOCAL 660, PHIL WAS
6 INSTRUMENTAL IN PRODUCING THE COUNTY'S WIDELY DISTRIBUTED
7 EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET, "WORKING SAFELY WITH COMPUTERS," AS WELL
8 AS COORDINATING THE COMMUNITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY'S
9 WELLNESS FAIRS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN ITS BIENNIAL
10 SPONSORSHIP OF THE OFFICE ERGONOMICS VENDOR FAIR. SHHH. CAN WE
11 JUST-- A LITTLE CONTROL ON EACH SIDE HERE, PLEASE. PHIL SERVES
12 ON THE D.P.S.S. LABOR MANAGEMENT ERGONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
13 ADVISING IT ON INSTITUTING AN ERGONOMIC PROGRAM AND HAS
14 TRAINED OVER 150 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ERGONOMIC COORDINATORS.
15 AS A ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASIAN-AMERICAN
16 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION SINCE 1976, PHIL CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE
17 EXECUTIVE BOARD, WORKING TO ENSURE THAT THE ASSOCIATION
18 PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. IN RECOGNITION OF
19 THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK, IT IS
20 MY PLEASURE AND THE BOARD'S PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AS
21 THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2004, PHIL. [APPLAUSE
22]

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24 **PHILLIP OW:** I JUST WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS. HONORABLE CHAIRMAN
25 KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, DEAR GUESTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS,



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1 I JUST WISH TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
2 LOS ANGELES FOR PRESENTING ME WITH THE NOVEMBER 2004 EMPLOYEE
3 OF THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD. THIS IS DEFINITELY ONE OF
4 THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY 30 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE AND I'M JUST
5 DEEPLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. AND IT WOULD NOT BE
6 POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, COWORKERS,
7 AND ESPECIALLY MANAGERS THAT I'VE WORKED WITH THROUGH THE
8 YEARS, BILL MCCLURE, PREM, LATONEY CHARMA, CONNIE SULLIVAN,
9 ROCKY ARMFIELD AND STEVEN NYBLOOM. AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO
10 DOUGGIE WYNAGA, WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, MY SUPERVISOR FOR
11 OVER 20 YEARS. JUST A THANK YOU SO MUCH, DOUG. AND ESPECIALLY
12 FOR DAVID JANSSEN, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND SHARON
13 HARPER, ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, FOR THEIR
14 WARMEST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. A SPECIAL THANKS TO HENRY YEE
15 OF THE L.A. COUNTY ASIAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR
16 HIS CONTINUED SUPPORT AND ALSO THE-- WHERE I'VE LEARNED THE
17 IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERISM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING WITH
18 OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN MYSELF IN MAKING THIS A BETTER
19 PLACE AND A BETTER COUNTY. AND TO ALL MY FRIENDS, COWORKERS
20 AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY FAMILY, I JUST WISH ALL OF YOU WELL
21 IN YOUR COUNTY CAREERS AND THAT ONE DAY YOU'LL BE RECEIVING
22 THIS HONOR AS WELL. IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU AND
23 SAY THAT THANK YOU AGAIN FOR PRESENTING ME WITH THIS HONOR AS
24 NOVEMBER 2004 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. AND JUST BRIEFLY
25 INTRODUCE MY FAMILY HERE. MY DAD, JIM; MY SON, GREGORY; MY



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1 SON, JEFFREY; AND MY WIFE, LILY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS
2 HONOR. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** LET ME JUST ADD MY BRIEF CONGRATULATIONS TO
5 PHIL AND HIS FAMILY. HE IS THE QUINTESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVANT,
6 OVER 30 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND THE
7 KIND OF PERSON THAT KEEPS THE ORGANIZATION RUNNING WHEN THOSE
8 OF US COME AND GO ON A REGULAR BASIS, HE'S ALWAYS HERE DOING
9 THE JOB. HE'S ALSO VERY ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY, WHICH IS VERY
10 TYPICAL OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WELL DESERVED AWARD. THANK YOU
11 VERY MUCH, PHIL. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GENTLEMEN, WITH A SCHEDULING ISSUE WE'D
14 LIKE TO CALL FORWARD AUTHOR, CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG. TODAY, WE'RE
15 GOING TO HONOR MR. ALLSBURG, WHO IS BEING HONORED BY THE
16 COUNTY FOR HIS EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S LITERACY PROGRAM, OPERATION READ,
18 READING WITH A PURPOSE TO DREAM. I SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES, ON
19 YOUR-- ON THE DAIS WITH YOU HERE IS A AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF THE
20 CHILDREN'S CLASSIC WHICH MR. VAN ALLSBURG WROTE IN 1985 CALLED
21 "THE POLAR EXPRESS", WHICH IS AWARDED THE CALDECOTT MEDAL OF
22 EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND SOLD OVER FIVE MILLION
23 COPIES WORLDWIDE. "THE POLAR EXPRESS", AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN
24 MADE INTO A MOVIE, OPENED LAST WEEK AND RELEASED NATIONWIDE
25 STARRING TOM HANKS. OPERATION READ'S CURRENT PROJECT IS "THE



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1 POLAR EXPRESS" AND, THROUGH HIS SUPPORT, LAST WEEK, WE WERE
2 ABLE TO GET 500 YOUNG PEOPLE, 500 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TREATED
3 TO AN ADVANCE SCREENING OF THE MOVIE. AFTER THEY RECEIVED
4 DONATED BOOKS, READ THE BOOK AND WORKED WITH DETAILED LESSON
5 PLANS FOR OVER A MONTH PRIOR TO THE ABILITY TO SEE THE MOVIE.
6 SO, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, THIS IS WHY HE HAS TO LEAVE, HE'S
7 GOING OUT TO VISIT WITH 300 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AT THE CERRITOS
8 LIBRARY AND TO AUTOGRAPH SOME BOOKS FOR THOSE KIDS. SO,
9 THROUGH HIS 15 PUBLISHED CHILDREN'S BOOKS, MR. VAN ALLSBURG'S
10 MESSAGE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO READ, TO USE THEIR
11 IMAGINATIONS AND DEVELOP A LOVE FOR THE PRINTED WORD. SO, ON
12 BEHALF OF MYSELF, CHRIS AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD AND ALL
13 OF OUR 10 MILLION RESIDENTS HERE IN THE COUNTY, WE WANT TO SAY
14 A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK AND PARTICULARLY BRINGING
15 "THE POLAR EXPRESS", THAT I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO READ TO MY
16 GRANDCHILDREN, TO THE MOVIE SCREEN. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG:** I STARTED WRITING BOOKS AROUND 25 YEARS
19 AGO AND MY MOTIVATIONS WERE THE MOTIVATIONS MOST ARTISTS HAVE,
20 WHICH IS JUST SIMPLY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND TELL A STORY.
21 WHAT I DIDN'T APPRECIATE WAS THAT I WOULD ACTUALLY BE
22 AFFECTING CHILDREN AND, OVER THE YEARS, I'VE GOTTEN A LOT OF
23 MAIL AND I'VE GONE TO BOOK SIGNINGS AND I DON'T THINK OF
24 MYSELF AS A TERRIBLY SENTIMENTAL PERSON BUT SOMETIMES, AT
25 THESE BOOK SIGNINGS, TEENAGERS WILL COME UP TO ME AND THEY



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1 SAY, "WELL, MR. VAN ALLSBURG, IF IT WASN'T FOR THE BOOK THAT
2 YOU WROTE, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE LEARNED HOW TO READ 'TIL I
3 WAS 20," AND I'M ALWAYS GREATLY MOVED BY THAT. AND ONE THING
4 THAT I'VE REALIZED OVER THE YEARS IS THAT I SEND THESE BOOKS
5 OUT AND THE BOOKS JUST SORT OF FLY AWAY, AND THE ONLY WAY THEY
6 GET INTO THE HANDS OF CHILDREN AND CHILDREN HAVE THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO COME UP AND TELL ME THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE
8 EFFORTS OF TEACHERS TO PUT THOSE BOOKS IN KIDS' HANDS AND I'VE
9 MET A NUMBER OF THEM THIS MORNING, SO I WANT TO THANK... [
10 APPLAUSE]

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12 **CHRIST VAN ALLSBURG:** ...I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY FOR THIS
13 COMMENDATION AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU TEACHERS FOR
14 PUTTING VAN ALLSBURG BOOKS IN THE HANDS OF KIDS SO THEY CAN
15 COME UP AND TELL ME HOW MUCH THEY LOVE THEM. THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ZEV?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK GAYLE MARGOLIS
21 TO JOIN ME HERE. SHE'S GOT SOME FOLKS WITH HER. MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD, PREMATURE BIRTH IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG
23 BABIES IN THEIR FIRST MONTH OF LIFE AND IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF
24 LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEMS, INCLUDING CEREBRAL PALSY, MENTAL
25 RETARDATION, BLINDNESS AND CHRONIC LUNG PROBLEMS. IN LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY, THE NUMBER AND RATE OF PREMATURE BIRTHS HAS
2 ESCALATED STEADILY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, RISING MORE THAN
3 29% BETWEEN 1981 AND 2002. THIS TAKES AN ENORMOUS TOLL ON
4 FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MUST DEDICATE THEIR TIME TO CARE FOR THEIR
5 LOVED ONES AND BEAR MUCH OF THE COST OF CARE THROUGHOUT THEIR
6 LIVES. PUBLIC EXPENDITURES ARE INCREASING EACH YEAR FOR
7 MEDICAL TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR
8 PERSONS BORN PREMATURELY AND MUCH OF THE POPULATION IS UNAWARE
9 OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS PROBLEM, IT'S LONG-TERM EFFECTS AND
10 THE COSTS TO SOCIETY. THE MARCH OF DIMES HAS A 65-YEAR HISTORY
11 OF FIGHTING DISABLING MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN AND IS NOW
12 APPLYING THE SAME LEVEL OF EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF
13 PREMATURITY. ONE OF THEIR GOALS IS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND
14 ENGAGE THE PUBLIC SUPPORT. FOR THAT REASON, THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TODAY PROCLAIMS
16 NOVEMBER 16TH, 2004, WHICH IS TODAY, AS PREMATURITY AWARENESS
17 DAY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS
18 TO SUPPORT THE MARCH OF DIMES IN ADDRESSING THIS CHALLENGING
19 PROBLEM. AND WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY GAYLE MARGOLIS, WHO IS
20 REPRESENTING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE MARCH OF DIMES AND
21 BARBARA ROSEN, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARCH OF DIMES.
22 BARBARA IS TAKING PICTURES. WE'LL GET A PICTURE OF YOU, TOO,
23 BARBARA. AND GAYLE IS NO STRANGER TO THE BOARD AND TO OUR
24 COMMUNITY AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO BE A PARTNER WITH
25 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND THE MARCH OF DIMES IN RAISING THE



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1 LEVEL OF AWARENESS ON PREMATUREITY AND DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO
2 REDUCE THE INCIDENTS AND HOPEFULLY ONE OF THESE DAYS REVERSE
3 THE TREND THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE LAST 21 YEARS. AND WITH THAT
4 IN MIND, THE BOARD IS VERY PROUD TO JOIN YOU IN PROCLAIMING
5 THIS DAY PREMATUREITY AWARENESS DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK GAYLE MARGOLIS TO SAY A FEW
9 WORDS.

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11 **GAYLE MARGOLIS:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU SO
12 VERY MUCH FOR THE RECOGNITION AND YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MARCH OF
13 DICES THROUGHOUT OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL WALK AMERICA. TODAY
14 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EVENTS ARE TAKING PLACE TO RECOGNIZE
15 PREMATUREITY AWARENESS DAY. THESE EVENTS INCLUDE PROCLAMATIONS
16 SUCH AS THIS ONE, EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS AT HOSPITALS, CLINICS,
17 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS OF
18 OVER 500 ENTITIES. MEDICAL EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS FOR HEALTHCARE
19 PROVIDERS, MEDIA AND LIGHT UP AMERICA CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS
20 LIGHTING UP LANDMARK BUILDINGS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN PINK
21 AND BLUE TO INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT PREMATUREITY. A LIST OF
22 THE LIGHT-UP AMERICA SITES IS IN YOUR HANDOUT. ON BEHALF OF
23 THE MARCH OF DICES AND MY HOSPITAL, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS
24 ANGELES, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN OPEN INVITATION TO ANY OF
25 YOU TO VISIT OUR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND SEE FOR



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1 YOURSELF WHAT THESE BABIES GO THROUGH. THANK YOU AND THANK YOU
2 AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MARCH OF DIMES AND THIS
3 LIFESAVING MISSION. IT TOOK THE MARCH OF DIMES AND ITS
4 VOLUNTEERS AND RESEARCHERS 17 YEARS TO FIND THE ANSWER TO
5 POLIO. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US IN OUR EFFORTS TO
6 ELIMINATE PREMATUREITY. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
7 DEEDEE KENNEDY SIMMINGTON AND HER DAUGHTER, HANNAH, TO TELL
8 YOU ALL ABOUT HER OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH PREMATUREITY. [
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **DEEDEE KENNEDY SIMMINGTON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING US
12 TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE THE PARENT OF A SUCCESS
13 STORY OF THE MARCH OF DIMES. THE STATISTIC I FIND MOST
14 DISTURBING IS THE STATISTIC THAT, SINCE I WAS IN COLLEGE IN
15 1981, THAT THE RATE OF PREMATUREITY HAS RISEN 28, 29% SINCE
16 THAT TIME. SO SOMETHING IS CHANGING AND WE NEED TO GET TO THE
17 BOTTOM OF IT. THAT'S THE MISSION OF THE MARCH OF DIMES AND
18 THEIR PREMATUREITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IS A HUGE PART OF THAT
19 PROCESS. IN HALF OF THE SITUATIONS WHEN A WOMAN IS DELIVERING
20 PREMATURELY, THE CAUSE OF THE PREMATUREITY IS UNKNOWN. IN MY
21 SITUATION, IT WAS KNOWN. I HAD A UTERINE ABNORMALITY AND MY
22 DAUGHTER WAS GROWING AND DEVELOPING. SHE ONLY HAD HALF OF THE
23 SPACE IN MY UTERUS. I SPENT FIVE AND A HALF MONTHS ON BED REST
24 WITH THREATENED MISCARRIAGE THE ENTIRE TIME AND THEN DELIVERED
25 HER AS SHE REACHED 32 WEEKS. SHE WAS A FULL TWO MONTHS EARLY.



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1 SHE REQUIRED TO BE INTUBATED, IMMATURE LUNGS IS CRITICAL WITH
2 THE PREMATURE BABIES AND SHE WAS ADMINISTERED A MEDICATION BY
3 THE NAME OF CERFACTIN. CERFACTIN WAS-- THE RESEARCH THAT
4 FOUND-- THE RESEARCH THAT CAME UP WITH CERFACTIN WAS FUNDED BY
5 THE MARCH OF DIMES AND, IN ESSENCE, THEY FUNDED A MAJOR
6 BREAKTHROUGH IN THE TREATMENT OF PREMATURE BABIES AND ENABLED
7 MANY, MANY CHILDREN TO SURVIVE. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
8 MANY OF US DON'T REALIZE IS THAT, WHILE WE ARE ABLE TO SAVE
9 THESE CHILDREN, THAT HALF OF THEM HAVE LIFELONG PROBLEMS AS A
10 RESULT OF THEIR PREMATUREITY. I CONSIDER MYSELF AMAZINGLY
11 BLESSED AND FORTUNATE TO BE THE MOTHER OF A CHILD WHO, TO ALL
12 TESTING AT THIS POINT, IS IN THE HEALTHY AND POSITIVE RANGE
13 BUT IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT CHILDREN-- THAT HALF OF THE
14 CHILDREN THAT ARE BORN EARLY HAVE LIFELONG DISABILITIES AS A
15 RESULT OF THAT. IT'S TERRIFYING AND IT'S TRAUMATIC TO HAVE A
16 PREMATURE BABY. THE ONLY-- I THINK THE GOAL OF THE MARCH OF
17 DIMES IS TO REDUCE THE PREMATUREITY RATE, THE BEST PLACE FOR A
18 CHILD TO DEVELOP IS IN UTERO, SO WE NEED TO DEVELOP ENOUGH
19 INFORMATION ABOUT WHY PRETERM LABOR STARTS, HOW TO HANDLE IT
20 AND SO I AM VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO
21 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE MARCH OF DIMES BECAUSE, WITHOUT THEM, I
22 MAY NOT HAVE THE MOST AMAZING BLESSING IN MY LIFE. SO THANK
23 YOU FOR HELPING US RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF
24 PREMATUREITY AND THE GREAT WORKS OF THE MARCH OF DIMES. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? [LIGHT
3 LAUGHTER]

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT AN ARM BAND?

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU GOT A GOOD SMILE THERE. ZEV,
8 YOU-- OKAY. NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO-- AND ALL OF US UP HERE,
9 TO RECOGNIZE THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS
10 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR
11 PROGRAM IS THE NATION'S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS
12 RECOGNITION PROGRAM TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON EXCELLENCE
13 AND TEACHING. THE CALIFORNIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM,
14 WHICH BEGAN IN 1972, IS PART OF THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE
15 YEAR PROGRAM. THE PROCESS BEGINS AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL. A MOMENT
16 A TEACHER IS NOMINATED OR CHOSEN BY THEIR COLLEAGUES AT
17 VARIOUS SCHOOLS, ONE IS SELECTED TO REPRESENT HIS OR HER
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY-- IN THE LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM, EXCUSE ME. THIS YEAR,
20 THERE WERE 62 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY. OUT OF THE 62 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, 13 WERE
22 CHOSEN TO BE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. AT
23 THIS TIME, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND PRESENT SCROLLS TO OUR
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. I'M GOING TO START
25 FIRST AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL ON EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS TO



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1 MAKE THEIR PRESENTATIONS AS WELL. OKAY. FIRST, SYLVIA PADILLA,
2 LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR. SYLVIA
3 TEACHES KINDERGARTEN AT PATRICK HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE'S
4 A TALENTED, HARD WORKING TEACHER WHO IS WELL RESPECTED BY HER
5 PARENTS AND STUDENTS AND PEERS. THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE THAT
6 HER STUDENTS EXEMPLIFY IS A REFLECTION OF THE HIGH STANDARDS
7 SYLVIA EXPECTS OF THEM AND HERSELF. SHE'S BEEN TEACHING FOR 12
8 YEARS AND JOINING HER TODAY IS CECILIA CAMARINO, PRINCIPAL OF
9 PATRICK HENRY. SYLVIA, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NEXT IS MONTE ERICK WEISS, BELLFLOWER
12 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR. HE TEACHES
13 SIXTH GRADE AT CRAIG WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I'M TOLD HE
14 HAS A LOT OF HUMOR. ALSO, SOME DISCIPLINE AND SOME PASSION AND
15 DETERMINATION. MONTE SETS OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HIS
16 STUDENTS' LIVES BEFORE THEY MOVE ON TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE
17 EFFORT IS PAYING OFF, AS EVIDENCED BY THE CHANGE IN HIS
18 STUDENTS' SKILLS AND BEHAVIOR. HE HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 10
19 YEARS AND JOINING HIM TODAY IS SUPERINTENDENT RICK COMPANIA.
20 RICK, I DIDN'T SEE YOU OUT THERE. OKAY. COME ON UP.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALSO JOINING ERICK WAS MARILYNN BACHMANN,
23 HIS PRINCIPAL, SO WE THANK HER FOR COMING DOWN AS WELL, TOO.
24 NEXT, WE HAVE CYNTHIA DELAMITRE FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR. SHE TEACHES THIRD GRADE



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1 AT LELAND STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE IS A NATIONAL BOARD
2 CERTIFIED TEACHER AND HAS BOTH BEEN A MASTER AND MENTOR
3 TEACHER. SHE PROVIDES CLASSES AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO
4 DISTRICT PRINCIPALS AS WELL AS TO LELAND STREET SCHOOL'S
5 TEACHERS. SHE'S BEEN TEACHING FOR 32 YEARS. JOINING HER TODAY
6 IS HER PRINCIPAL, PATRICIA WEDLOCK, AND SUPERINTENDENT, MYRNA
7 RIVERA. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO JOIN
12 IN THIS CELEBRATION OF PRESENTING COMMENDATIONS TO OUR VERY
13 SPECIAL TEACHERS THAT WE HAVE. JOINING ME THIS MORNING IS
14 JANICE KAY BLACKWELL, ONE OF EXCEPTIONAL L.A. CO. TEACHERS OF
15 THE YEAR. JANICE HAS DEDICATED 32 YEARS OF HER LIFE TO
16 TEACHING AND IS CURRENTLY AT CRESCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE
17 LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT. JANICE'S SPECIALTY IS EDUCATING
18 CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. L.A. C.O. THOUGHT IT WAS
19 FITTING TO HONOR JANICE BECAUSE OF HER MISSION TO PROVIDE HER
20 STUDENTS WITH A STIMULATING, EXCEPTIONAL CURRICULUM, NO MATTER
21 WHAT CHALLENGES THEY FACE. JANICE'S OPTIMISTIC AND PERSONAL
22 DEMEANOR, COUPLED WITH HER DEDICATION TO HIGH EDUCATIONAL
23 STANDARDS, MAKE HER A GENUINE ROLE MODEL FOR ALL OF HER FELLOW
24 TEACHERS. JANICE IS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OF HER VERY
25 APPRECIATIVE COLLEAGUES, THE CRESCENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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1 PRINCIPAL, ALLISON HENDERSON GIDEON AND DR. JOEY BARA, THE
2 LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF
3 PERSONNEL SERVICES. IT'S MY HONOR TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE
4 TO JANICE KAY BLACKWELL FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND TO JUST
5 GIVE HER A THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU
6 DO AND THE DEDICATION THAT YOU HAVE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TOO...

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GLORIA, DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES SHE HAVE ANOTHER ONE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE? OKAY. OKAY,
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE, I'M SORRY.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL CRYSTAL LUCAS AND SHERYL SAX
21 FORWARD. A GREAT TEACHER IS TRULY A TREASURE IN A CHILD'S
22 LIFE, ONE THAT IS OFTEN NEVER FORGOTTEN. SO NO MATTER HOW OLD
23 YOU GET, SO YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT SPECIAL, SPECIAL TEACHER.
24 SO IT'S A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO MAKE THESE PRESENTATIONS TODAY.
25 CRYSTAL LUCAS IS A L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE



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1 YEAR. SHE TEACHES HER LUCKY STUDENTS AT CRESCENT HEIGHTS
2 LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL JUSTICE MAGNET. JOINING HER IN THE
3 AUDIENCE TODAY ARE JACQUELINE MAC, PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AND
4 SUPERINTENDENT SHARON CURRY. AT THIS TIME, WE'D LIKE TO SAY
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **CRYSTAL LUCAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED TEACHERS AND
9 TEACHERS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. NOW, SHERYL SAX IS AN INGLEWOOD UNIFIED
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR. SHE TEACHES HER LUCKY
13 STUDENTS AT W. CLAUDE HUDNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND JOINING
14 HER TODAY NONA TORRES, PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AND SHERRY
15 MONTGOMERY ROLAND, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL. CONGRATULATIONS. [
16 APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SHERYL SAX:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS AWARD. AFTER 38 YEARS
19 OF TEACHING, THIS IS QUITE AN HONOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? OKAY. HE'S BUSY
22 OVER THERE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT TO DO YOUR
23 TEACHER PRESENTATION BEFORE-- WHILE ZEV IS OVER THERE? OKAY.
24 ARE YOU READY TO DO YOUR TEACHER PRESENTATIONS? AND THEN
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.



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SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M VERY PLEASED TO ASK STEVE FRANKLIN TO COME FORWARD. STEVE-- STEVEN FRANKLIN OF SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A HEALTH CLINIC AND LEVERAGE THAT REAL ESTATE WITH THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO THE LARGE UNINSURED POPULATION IN SUN VALLEY AND ITS ENVIRONS. JUST THOUGHT I'D GET THAT COMMERCIAL IN. STEVEN FRANKLIN WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR BY THE LOS ANGELES-- FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE TEACHES SOCIAL STUDIES AND SERVES AS THE LEADERSHIP ADVISOR AT THE SCHOOL. IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE LEADERSHIP ADVISOR, HE HAS TAKEN STUDENTS ON CIVIC LEADERSHIP TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY. HIS STUDENTS HAVE ALSO SPENT A WEEKEND ON OPERATIONS GRATITUDE, SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY, TO PACK AND SEND CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS STATIONED OVERSEAS. MR. FRANKLIN HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR SIX YEARS, HE IS A GRADUATE OF CHATSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ONE OUT OF TWO ISN'T BAD.

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SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: OH, MAN!

22

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HEY, IT'S RIVALRY WEEK. WHAT CAN YOU DO? SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US WHO WORK IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU,

25



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1 STEVEN AND THANKS FOR DEDICATING YOUR CAREER TO PUBLIC
2 EDUCATION. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR TEACHERS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN, WE JOIN WITH THE
7 COMMUNITY OF THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO RECOGNIZE
8 SOME OF OUR EDUCATORS WHO ARE THE RECIPIENTS. FIRST ONE IS
9 LINDA STRONG, WHO HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 28 YEARS AND RESIDES
10 IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE'S A FIRST AND SECOND GRADE
11 TEACHER AT BRETT HART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE BURBANK UNIFIED
12 DISTRICT. SHE'S COMMITTED TO HER STUDENTS, TO HER DISTRICT AND
13 TO HER PROFESSION. SHE VIEWS HER ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH
14 PRE-SERVICE AND IN-SERVICE EDUCATION AS A WAY OF STRENGTHENING
15 THE TEACHING PROFESSION. SO ALL THE WAY FROM STEVENSON RANCH
16 VIA BURBANK TO THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, WE CONGRATULATE
17 HER. AND WITH HER IS OUR SUPERINTENDENT FROM BURBANK, GREG
18 BOWMAN AND SCHOOL VICE-PRESIDENT GREG CREKORIAN. SO, LINDA,
19 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THOMAS ALVIN EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
22 THE GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
23 OF GOING TO THOMAS ALVIN EDISON JUNIOR HIGH IN SOUTH CENTRAL
24 LOS ANGELES WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IS KIM LAVENDER, WHO IS AN
25 18-YEAR TEACHING PROFESSIONAL. HER LESSON PLANS ARE BASED ON



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1 BROAD THEMES. FOR EXAMPLE, HER INSTRUCTION COMES TO LIFE AS
2 SHE WEAVES TOGETHER ART, LITERATURE, HISTORY AND MUSIC
3 EXPERIENCES TO EXPOSE HER YOUNG STUDENTS TO THE RICHNESS OF
4 THE PAST. AND WE CONGRATULATE KIM AND WITH HER IS THE
5 PRINCIPAL, LINDA CONOVER AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, ALICE
6 PETROSIAN, WHO'S ALSO BEEN HERE PREVIOUSLY FOR OTHER
7 RECIPIENTS. SO, KIM, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND TO REMIND ALL THE TEACHERS, DON'T
10 LEAVE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A GROUP PHOTO.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM OAKMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
13 BEAUTIFUL CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE
14 HAVE OLIVIA SIMPSON ELLIS, WHO HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 30 YEARS.
15 SHE SETS HIGH STANDARDS FOR HER STUDENTS, BOTH ON AND OFF
16 CAMPUS. HER STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS LOVE HER AND
17 CONTINUE TO RETURN TO THE CAMPUS TO VISIT AND SHARE WITH HER.
18 AND WITH HER TODAY IS SUPERINTENDENT SHERILYNN SMITH, AND WE
19 THANK YOU, OLIVIA, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **OLIVIA SIMPSON ELLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR HONORING LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY TEACHERS AND I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE
23 CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAS SUPPORTED ME,
24 STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, ADMINISTRATORS, ALL STAFF AND ESPECIALLY



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1 TODAY, MY SUPERINTENDENT, SHERILYNN SMITH. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO ASK ALL THE TEACHERS,
5 SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, EVERYONE TO COME BACK UP AND
6 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A GROUP PHOTO WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD AND, AS THEY COME FORWARD, I'M GOING TO ASK OUR
8 SUPERINTENDENT, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DR. DARLENE
9 ROBLISS, TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS. DR. ROBLISS?

10

11 **DR. DARLENE ROBLISS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. TRULY, THIS
12 IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF MY WORK, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
13 WONDERFUL WORK THAT OUR TEACHERS IN L.A. COUNTY DO EVERY DAY.
14 UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY HONOR A FEW EACH YEAR BUT TRULY WE
15 ARE HIGHLIGHTING THE BEST OF THE BEST IN OUR COUNTY. I
16 JOKINGLY TELL THE TEACHERS AS I VISIT THEIR CLASSROOMS THAT I
17 HAVE A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER AND I'M GOING AROUND SELECTING HER
18 KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, HER FIRST GRADE TEACHER, HER SECOND
19 GRADE TEACHER AND HER THIRD GRADE TEACHER AND I'LL DO THAT FOR
20 YOU, TOO, SUPERVISOR. BUT, REALLY, EVERY TIME I GO INTO ONE OF
21 THEIR CLASSROOMS, I'M JUST INSPIRED AND IN AWE OF EVERYTHING
22 THEY DO FOR OUR CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY. AGAIN, IT'S MY
23 PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND SERVE YOU AND, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
24 AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS WONDERFUL RECOGNITION OF
25 THEIR WORK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GET ALL THE AWARD WINNERS UP IN THE FRONT
3 ROW. [INDISTINCT CONVERSATION] [INDISTINCT CONVERSATION]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AGAIN, HOW ABOUT A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
6 OUR COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP FOR A PRESENTATION, PLEASE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO
12 RECOGNIZE A DELEGATION FROM HUBEI, CHINA AND THE PEOPLE'S
13 REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHO ARE VISITING US WITH US TODAY AND WE
14 HAVE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND HER DELEGATION, DAGUO JIANG, WHO
15 IS HERE. SHE'S THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FROM HUBEI PROVINCIAL
16 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT AND MR. HANNING YI, WHO IS THE
17 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR HUBEI. SO WE HAVE
18 PROCLAMATIONS FOR THEM AND ALSO FOR MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION
19 BUT LET ME JUST GIVE THESE TO-- FIRST TO THE LIEUTENANT
20 GOVERNOR AND TO MR. HANNING YI.

21

22 **HANNING YI:** [SPEAKING CHINESE] [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **TRANSLATOR:** SO RESPECTED AND HONORABLE SUPERVISOR, MR.
25 ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. WE ARE



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1 VERY HAPPY TO COME TO THE BEAUTIFUL LOS ANGELES CITY AND WE'RE
2 BEING WARMLY WELCOMED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE LOCAL
3 PEOPLE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE HUBEI PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC
4 DELEGATION AND ON BEHALF OF THE 60 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE HUBEI
5 PROVINCE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR WARM AND SINCERE THANKS
6 TO MR. ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

7

8 **DAGUO JIANG:** [SPEAKING CHINESE]

9

10 **TRANSLATOR:** THE PROVINCE OF HUBEI IS LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL
11 AREA OF CHINA. IT HAS A LONG HISTORY WITH VERY CONVENIENT
12 COMMUNICATIONS AND IT IS RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES AND IS THE
13 HUB OF NINE PROVINCES AND IT IS VERY-- HAS A LOT OF TALENTED
14 PEOPLE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO WARMLY WELCOME AND INVITE MR.
15 ANTONOVICH AND THE OTHER SUPERVISORS AND ALSO THE LADIES AND
16 THE GENTLEMEN IN LOS ANGELES TO COME TO HUBEI FOR A VISIT FOR
17 SIGHTSEEING AND A STUDY VISIT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A COUPLE
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DONE A LITTLE EXTRA IN DOING GOOD PUBLIC
21 SERVICE, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND BEING THE GOOD SAMARITANS AS WE
22 FIX THIS MICROPHONE. FIRST FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY, TWO
23 GENERATIONS OF THE LEWIS FAMILY, OWNERS OF THE B. AND L.
24 AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION, AND THAT'S JOE LEWIS, SR. AND HIS
25 SONS, JOE LEWIS, JR. AND JOHN LEWIS. THE FAMILY RECENTLY



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1 DONATED MORE THAN \$6,000 IN FIRE SERVICES TO THE ANTELOPE
2 VALLEY RESIDENTS, FRANCIS VEGA. FRANCIS WAS A VICTIM OF A LAND
3 SCAM PERPETUATED BY LOS ANGELES BUSINESSMAN, MARSHALL REDMAN.
4 REDMAN WAS CONVICT OF FRAUD IN 1998 FOR SELLING PROPERTY TO
5 OVER 2,000 UNSUSPECTING BUYERS WITHOUT TELLING THEM THAT IT
6 WAS ILLEGAL TO BUILD ON THE LAND AND THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
7 EVER OBTAIN UTILITIES ON THAT PROPERTY. FRANCIS AND HER
8 HUSBAND BOUGHT TEN ACRES NEAR ANTELOPE ACRES FOR \$35,000, ONLY
9 TO FIND THEY HAD BUILT THEIR HOME ON THEIR NEIGHBOR'S
10 PROPERTY. THEN, AFTER NEARLY \$30,000 IN COSTLY CHANGES,
11 FRANCIS LEARNED THAT SHE WOULD HAVE TO INSTALL AN INDOOR
12 SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN HER HOME TO COMPLY WITH FIRE PREVENTION
13 REGULATIONS. FIRE INSPECTOR CHIP MORRIS MENTIONED THE VEGA
14 FAMILY'S PLIGHT TO THE LEWIS FAMILY AT B. AND L. AUTOMATIC
15 FIRE PROTECTION, AND, IN A FEW DAYS, THE LEWIS' WERE OUT AT
16 THEIR HOME WITH A CREW DOING THE ENTIRE JOB FOR FREE. THE
17 LEWIS' FAMILY'S KINDNESS CAN SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT THERE
18 ARE STILL MANY GOOD PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD AND THE FINE SPIRIT
19 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY OF NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR. SO WE
20 WANT TO THANK B. AND L. AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION FOR BEING A
21 RESPONSIBLE, DEPENDABLE BUSINESS LEADER, COMMUNITY LEADER, FOR
22 SERVING THE RESIDENTS WITH INTEGRITY AND A SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY
23 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE INVOLVED IN THE SUCCESSFUL
24 PROSECUTION OF MR. REDMAN, ATTEMPTING TO TIE UP HIS ASSETS TO
25 HELP THOSE WHO WERE VICTIMIZED TO GET A LITTLE OF THEIR



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1 RESOURCES BACK TO THEM. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
2 GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **JOE LEWIS, SR.:** WELL, I GUESS WE'RE JUST GRATEFUL THAT WE WAS
5 ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND WE'VE BEEN IN THE
6 BUSINESS FOR ABOUT 30 SOME YEARS, ODD YEARS NOW AND WE KIND OF
7 LOVE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THANK YOU FOR THE AWARD. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SEVEN-WEEK-OLD GIRL,
11 MATILDA. SHE'S A LAB/SHEP MIX AND SHE COMES WITH A LITTLE
12 RASPBERRY COLLAR, WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO ANYBODY'D LIKE
13 TO ADOPT LITTLE MATILDA, SHE WOULD LIKE TO COME HOME FOR THE
14 HOLIDAYS. SHE'LL MAKE A NICE-- SHE LIKES PUMPKIN PIE FOR
15 THANKSGIVING AND READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS, READY FOR HANUKKAH,
16 READY FOR CHRISTMAS AND READY FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR. SO THOSE
17 WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION AT HOME CAN CALL AREA CODE
18 (562) 728-4644. OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE. SHE'D MAKE A NICE
19 PET FOR THE FIRE STATION, I'M SURE. SHE DOESN'T HAVE SPOTS BUT
20 THAT'S OKAY. SO THIS IS LITTLE MATILDA. HERE, LOOK OVER AT THE
21 CAMERA SO YOU GET YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER. OKAY. SEE
22 ANYBODY? SEE ANYBODY YOU LIKE? HMM? SEE ANYBODY?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
25 OTHER PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL
3 FORWARD THOSE WHO ARE HERE REPRESENTING THE AL-IMPICS. AL-
4 IMPICS IS FAMILY FUN DAY IN CELEBRATION OF WELLNESS AND
5 SOBRIETY IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES SHARE THE
6 POSITIVE LIFE-ENRICHING EXPERIENCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCESS
7 OF RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THE
8 EVENTS PROMOTES THE SOCIAL BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
9 THROUGH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT,
10 INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AS WELL AS OTHER SUPPORTIVE
11 SERVICES. THE AL-IMPICS IS A JOYFUL EVENT IN WHICH THE GREATER
12 COMMUNITY IS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN. THE 2004 LOS ANGELES AL-
13 IMPICS TOOK PLACE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, AT SOUTHWEST
14 COLLEGE AND I'M REALLY PLEASED TODAY THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
15 PEOPLE HERE. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE LOLA M. UNGAR FROM THE
16 ALCOHOLISM COMMISSION BUT MOST OF ALL WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO
17 HAVE ALSO JAMES SWAIN AND SHERYL BRANCH, WHO ARE COMMISSIONERS
18 AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU TO JAMIE AND
19 SHERYL. WOULD YOU BOTH COME FORWARD. WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING
20 THIS PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT YOU
21 HAD. WELL, YOU REALLY HAVE TO BE THERE TO APPRECIATE THE
22 ENTHUSIASM AND THE WONDERFUL STORIES YOU HEAR AND I'D LIKE TO
23 FIRST ASK THE CHAIRMAN...

24



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1 **LOLA M. UNGAR:** AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM, WE
2 APPRECIATE THE HONOR AND RECOGNITION BY THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS THAT THE YEARLY AL-IMPICS EVENT PLAYS IN THE
4 SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF RECOVERING ALCOHOLICS AND THEIR
5 FAMILIES. AND, TODAY, I ESPECIALLY WANT TO RECOGNIZE
6 COMMISSIONER SHERYL BRANCH AND COORDINATOR JAMIE SWAN. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **COMMISSIONER SHERYL BRANCH:** LOS ANGELES AL-IMPICS EVENT IS A
10 32-YEAR TRADITION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STARTED IN THE FIRST
11 DISTRICT BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS, ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS, BECAUSE
13 IT TAKES A ALL COUNTY EFFORT TO PULL OFF THIS EVENT. THERE'S
14 ABOUT 6,000 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THAT COME TOGETHER ON
15 THIS DAY TO CELEBRATE RECOVERY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS, AND IT'S
16 REALLY SOMETHING TO SEE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL FIVE
17 SUPERVISORS AND ESPECIALLY TO SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHO IS MY
18 PERSONAL MENTOR. SHE'S WATCHED ME GROW OVER THESE 14 YEARS IN
19 THE WORK AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK HER BECAUSE SHE'S
20 ALWAYS THERE FOR THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY WHEN WE NEED HER. WE
21 HAVE OVER 25 VOLUNTEERS THAT COME FROM THE COUNTY REPRESENTING
22 PROGRAMS AND FAMILIES AND I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM,
23 THERE'S A 25-MEMBER PLANNING COMMITTEE. COULD YOU GUYS PLEASE
24 STAND? THEY DEDICATE THEIR TIME, ABOUT 6,000 HOURS. [APPLAUSE
25]



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2 **COMMISSIONER SHERYL BRANCH:** THESE MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATE OVER
3 6,000 HOURS TO PULL THIS EVENT OFF IN THE COUNTY. AND SOME OF
4 THE PROGRAMS INCLUDE ACTON REHAB, WARM SPRINGS FACILITY,
5 SALVATION ARMY, TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER, BHS, WALDEN HOUSE,
6 HOUSE IN UHURO, HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM. THANK YOU ALL SO
7 MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS. I'M LIKE TO
10 CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF MARRIOTT HOTEL FORWARD. WELL, THE
11 MARRIOTT MARINA DEL REY HOTEL AND THE LESSEES ASSOCIATION AND
12 THE W.A.T.E.R. PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND ALL OF THE
13 HARBOR DEPARTMENTS, WE'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE COME
14 FORWARD. ALL THE LIFEGUARDS. EVERY YEAR, I HOST A BEACH PARTY
15 FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AT MOTHER'S BEACH IN MARINA DEL REY AND
16 MOST OF THE CHILDREN, AGES 6 TO 14, HAVE NEVER BEEN TO THE
17 BEACH BEFORE. ON THIS PARTICULAR DAY, THEY'RE BUSSED TO THE
18 BEACH IN THE MORNING AND ARE WELCOMED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM
19 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. THEY LEARN TO
20 SWIM AND KAYAK. THEY ALSO TAKE PART IN FACE PAINTING, T-SHIRT
21 PAINTING AND OTHER HANDICRAFTS. THEY ENJOY A FREE LUNCH,
22 RECEIVING SWIMMING OUTFITS, SUNGLASSES, SUN BLOCK, BEACH BALLS
23 AND GOODIE BAGS AND IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY AND A WONDERFUL
24 CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE. OF COURSE, THIS YEAR, IT TURNED OUT
25 MOTHER'S BEACH WAS POLLUTED ON THE DAY BEFORE WE PLANNED TO



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1 GO, SO THE CHILDREN GOT INTO BUSES, THEY WENT TO AN ADJACENT
2 BEACH WHERE THEY HAD MORE FUN, WERE ABLE TO ENJOY, REALLY, A
3 BEACH EXPERIENCE MORE SO THAN THEY WOULD AT MOTHER'S BEACH,
4 THEN THEY CAME BACK TO MOTHER'S BEACH AND, THROUGH ALL OF
5 THIS, WE HAD THE FOOD PROVIDED BY THE HOTELS THERE AND
6 MARRIOTT, WE HAD THE LIFEGUARDS WHO WERE WORKING SO HARD TO
7 MAKE SURE THEY WERE SAFE AND EVERYONE DID SUCH A GREAT JOB.
8 AND SO, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO COMMEND MARRIOTT HOTEL FOR
9 PROVIDING FOOD AND HOSTESSING THE CHILDREN. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE FOOD WAS GREAT.

12

13 **ROBERT THOMAS:** IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO CONTINUE AND BE SUPPORTER
14 OF THIS WORTHY CAUSE AND LOOKING FORWARD FOR MANY YEARS TO
15 COME. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW. WE HAD, WHAT, 300
18 CHILDREN? AND WE'RE CERTAINLY VERY PLEASED THAT DR. SANDERS IS
19 HERE. AND ALSO, THE LESSEES' ASSOCIATION AND WE HAVE YOU
20 REPRESENTING THE LESSEES' ASSOCIATION, MR. LEVINE. THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN MAKING
22 THE LIFE OF THOSE CHILDREN, JUST HAVE ONE SPECIAL DAY FOR
23 FOSTER CHILDREN. AND, OF COURSE, YOU REPRESENT JERRY EPSTEIN
24 AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HE'S DOING FOR THEM, TOO.

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1 **DAVID LEVINE:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
2 MR. CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. AS LESSEES, WE'RE PARTNERS WITH
3 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND, OF COURSE, OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS
4 TO TAKE CARE OF ONE OF THE COUNTY'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS,
5 WHICH IS MARINA DEL REY BUT WE ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL
6 RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THE LARGER LOS ANGELES
7 COMMUNITY. AND IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM
8 AND OTHERS THAT HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO MARINA DEL REY FOR
9 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
10 THE RECOGNITION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I'D LIKE TO CALL STACEY SMITH FORWARD FROM
15 W.A.T.E.R. PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS. [
16 APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, I'LL TAKE THE TAG OFF.

19

20 **STACEY SMITH:** WE'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ALL
21 THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS GROWING IN LEAPS
22 AND BOUNDS AND WE HOPE TO GET TO AS MANY CHILDREN AS WE CAN TO
23 TEACH THEM OCEAN SAFETY. AND OVER L.A. COUNTY BEACHES. YOU CAN
24 TELL I'VE BEEN OUT ON THE BEACH WITH THE CHILDREN TELLING THEM
25 TO GET WHERE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, DR. SANDERS AND ALSO STAN, WOULD YOU PLEASE
3 COME FORWARD. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

4

5 **DR. SANDERS:** SURE. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR
6 THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN THAT ARE SERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PARTICULARLY THANKS TO
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR HOSTING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT. THERE WERE
9 OVER 300 CHILDREN THERE. THIS WILL BE A LIFETIME MEMORY FOR
10 MANY OF THOSE CHILDREN AND THE SUPERVISOR TALKED ABOUT THE
11 SWITCH THAT OCCURRED MOVING FROM ONE BEACH TO THE OTHER AND IT
12 WENT SEAMLESSLY. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THE DAY AND IT'S GREAT
13 THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO SPEND THE TIME HAVING FUN ACTIVITIES
14 FOR THE ENTIRE TIME. AND SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE DON'T JUST BRING CHILDREN FROM THE SECOND
17 DISTRICT, I WANT TO TELL YOU. WE BRING CHILDREN FROM OTHER
18 DISTRICTS THERE. THE WHOLE QUESTION IS TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO
19 CHILDREN WHO DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE A BEACH EXPERIENCE.

20

21 **STAN:** YES. SUPERVISOR BURKE IS CORRECT, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
22 EXPOSE THE WATER PROGRAM AND ESPECIALLY THE FOSTERS KID
23 PROGRAM IN MARINA DEL REY. IT ASSISTED US IN GETTING A \$3
24 MILLION GRANT NOT TOO LONG AGO FROM THE STATE TO BUILD A YOUTH
25 CENTER AT DOCK WEATHER BEACH, WHICH WILL HOUSE THE PROGRAM AND



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1 PERHAPS MAKE US-- GIVE US THE ABILITY TO HAVE MORE OF THESE
2 FOSTER DAY KIDS AT THE BEACH IN MARINA DEL REY. SO THANKS TO
3 THE BOARD AND TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE LIFEGUARDS AND
4 LESSEES' ASSOCIATION FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, WE MAKE SURE THEY'RE SAFE. COME, LET'S GET A
7 PICTURE WITH EVERYBODY. [INDISTINCT CONVERSATION]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, MIRIAM WORKS OVERTIME ON THAT ONE,
10 PARTICULARLY WHEN THE BEACH IS POLLUTED. THAT CONCLUDES MY
11 PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE FIRST
14 UP ON SPECIALS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN-- JUST GIVE ME ONE SECOND HERE.
17 FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN THE
18 MEMORY OF FRED DIAMENT, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY OVER THE
19 WEEKEND AND UNEXPECTEDLY, NEEDLESS TO SAY. FRED WAS KNOWN TO A
20 NUMBER OF US. HE WAS ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST. HE
21 WAS ONE OF THE MOST ARTICULATE AND-- WITNESSES TO ONE OF THE
22 WORST PERIODS IN HUMAN HISTORY AND HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
23 WIESENTHAL CENTER, WITH THE SHOAH FOUNDATION, WENT TO SCHOOLS,
24 GAVE SPEECHES AND TALKED ABOUT HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES,
25 ONE OF THE MOST COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS THAT I'VE EVER KNOWN.



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1 ALSO, HE'S A VERY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN AND RESIDENT OF OUR
2 DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND ASK THAT
3 WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP THE
8 R.I.T.E. ISSUE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT IS NUMBER 28.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, ITEM 28. IF I CAN ASK BRYCE YOKOMIZO TO
13 COME UP. I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. I KNOW YOU HAVE
14 SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ONE QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ASK BEFORE
19 WE GO TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BRYCE, YOU CAN GO RIGHT AROUND FRONT
22 HERE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BRYCE, CAN I ASK YOU, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT
25 IS-- WHY DON'T WE JUST WAIT A MINUTE. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT



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1 HAS COME UP IS THE ISSUE OF THE \$2.4 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN SET
2 ASIDE IN THIS WHOLE ARRANGEMENT FOR L.A. CO. COULD YOU ADDRESS
3 THAT?

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, SUPERVISOR, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DEPARTMENT OF
6 THE PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER'S REPORT
7 INDICATED THAT ONE AREA OF IMPROVEMENT ON THESE CURRENT
8 CONTRACTS WOULD BE IN THE AREA OF JOB CLUB AND ALSO
9 ORIENTATION. ALL OF OUR ENTIRE WELFARE TO WORK CASELOAD RIGHT
10 NOW IS CURRENTLY SERVICED BY THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF
11 EDUCATION AND WE'RE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION THAT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, BRYCE. [GAVEL]

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD I HAVE SOME ORDER, PLEASE, ON THE
18 SIDES? THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** AND WE'VE TALKED TO L.A. CO. L.A. CO. HAS--
23 WE'VE GOT CONTRACT ON ABILITY TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH L.A.
24 CO. FOR \$2.4 MILLION TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES TO THE R.I.T.E.
25 POPULATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? I MEAN, WHERE DID-
3 - THEY WEREN'T PART OF THIS PACKAGE ORIGINALLY, WERE THEY?

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT,
6 SUPERVISOR...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WASN'T IN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT
9 WHEN WE LAST HAD THIS ITEM HERE A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, WAS IT?

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WELL, YES, THAT WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF THEIR
12 REPORT TO THE BOARD, YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE 2.4 MILLION SPECIFICALLY?

15

16 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO, NOT THE 2.4. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT
17 THE JOB CLUB SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CURRENT CONTRACTORS WERE
18 NOT AS GOOD AS COULD BE PROVIDED CONSISTENTLY BY THE...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE WERE GOING TO ASK L.A. CO. TO PICK UP
21 THE SLACK?

22

23 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL RESERVE ALL MY OTHER
2 QUESTIONS FOR LATER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE
5 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. PHOC THAI, CATHERINE MCFALL, BRENDA THOMAS
6 AND CLAUDIA FINKEL, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE. OKAY.
7 WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO START, JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE
8 RECORD. I CALLED FOUR, I SEE FIVE THERE. THAT'S OKAY. I GOT
9 SOME MORE TO CALL. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **CATHERINE MCFALL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 CATHERINE MCFALL. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER IN LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK YOUR BOARD TO RELEASE AN
14 ALTERNATIVE R.F.P. FOR R.I.T.E. SERVICES THAT MORE CLOSELY
15 ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF THE REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS THAT WILL
16 BE SERVED BY THIS PROGRAM. AS A CONSULTANT THAT DEALS WITH
17 SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS, IT'S CLEAR
18 TO ME THAT THE R.F.P. PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL TODAY HAS NOT BEEN
19 DESIGNED WITH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE NEEDS OF OUR
20 POPULATION. I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE DECISION TO
21 TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FOR JOB CLUB SERVICES TO L.A. CO. MY
22 COMPANY HAS WORKED ON PROGRAMS THAT UTILIZE THE L.A. CO.
23 CURRICULUM. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRICULUM IS AN
24 EXCELLENT CURRICULUM FOR THE POPULATION FOR WHICH IT WAS
25 WRITTEN, MULTI-GENERATIONAL WELFARE FAMILIES, MOST OF THEM WHO



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1 ARE SINGLE MOTHERS, ITS CONTENT DOES NOT TRANSFER WELL TO
2 OTHER POPULATIONS. I'VE EXPERIENCED THIS PERSONALLY WHILE
3 USING THE CURRICULUM IN THE GROW PROGRAM FOR MORE THAN ONE
4 ORGANIZATION. THE PROBLEMS WITH A CURRICULUM THAT IS SO HIGHLY
5 SCRIPTED WITH LITTLE ROOM FOR ADJUSTMENTS AND WHICH DOES NOT
6 ACCOUNT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH PARTICIPANT
7 WILL BE GREATLY MAGNIFIED FOR USE WITH THIS PARTICULAR
8 POPULATION. OF COURSE, THE INITIAL WORK READINESS
9 INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS OF A REFUGEE FROM A VILLAGE IN CAMBODIA
10 DIFFER GREATLY FROM THOSE OF AN IMMIGRANT FROM RUSSIA WITH
11 HIGH LEVELS OF EDUCATION. THE L.A. CO. CURRICULUM IS BASED
12 SOLELY ON MOTIVATIONAL NEEDS AND BASIC JOB SEARCH SKILLS. THE
13 TIME AND EXPENSE PROPOSED FOR TRANSLATING AND PRINTING
14 MATERIALS FOR A CURRICULUM THAT DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
15 RECIPIENTS IS NOT A GOOD USE OF OUR FUNDS. ANY ORGANIZATION
16 THAT RESPONDS TO THE R.F.P. SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE
17 INITIAL JOB CLUB SERVICES WITH A CURRICULUM DESIGNED
18 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO BE SERVED.
19 PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING JOB CLUB SERVICES IN THE R.F.P. TO
20 ENSURE CULTURALLY COMPETENT SERVICES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

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24 **CLAUDIA FINKEL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA FINKEL AND
25 I'M WITH JVS IN LOS ANGELES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPUTIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND
2 DEDICATED SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS R.F.P. PROCESS.
3 JVS CONTINUES TO LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE
4 R.I.T.E. CLIENTS AS WELL AS THE REP CLIENTS. BUT ONE QUESTION
5 CAME TO MIND FOLLOWING HER PRESENTATION, AND IT GOES BEYOND
6 JUST THE KINDS OF MATERIAL, IS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT ZEV
7 BROUGHT UP DURING HIS QUESTIONING, WHICH WAS THE \$2.4 MILLION.
8 CURRENTLY, THE R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS RECEIVE \$300 PER JOB CLUB
9 PARTICIPANT. IF YOU DIVIDE \$300 INTO 2.4 MILLION, IT'S A REAL
10 SIMPLE MATHEMATICAL EQUATION AND THAT'S OVER 800,000
11 PARTICIPANTS, WHICH NOWHERE EQUATES TO THE CURRENT CASELOADS
12 PROJECTED FOR NEXT YEAR. SO I SORT OF SCRATCH MY HEAD IN
13 WONDERMENT AS TO WHERE THAT NUMBER SORT OF CAME FROM. BEYOND
14 THAT, WE LOOK FORWARD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE
15 R.I.T.E. CLIENTS AND WE WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
16 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE R.I.T.E. R.F.P.
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **PHOC THAI:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 PHOC THAI. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC AND
21 EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER. E.D.C. HAS BEEN PROVIDING
22 SERVICES TO REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS FOR 20 YEARS IN VARIOUS
23 PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE R.I.T.E. PROGRAM. I AM CONCERNED THAT
24 THE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT IN THE PROPOSED R.F.P. DO NOT TAKE
25 INTO ACCOUNT OF THE ISSUE FACED BY THE NON-ENGLISH AND NON-



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1 SPANISH POPULATION. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH REGARD TO
2 MEASURING SUCCESS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO SUPPORT
3 THESE SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH AND
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. WHILE THE E.D.C. AGREES THAT IT IS
5 IMMENSELY IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES IN THESE AREAS
6 ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON IN NEED OF THEM, CURRENTLY,
7 THEY ARE NOT COUNTY APPROVED PROVIDERS THAT ARE ABLE TO
8 PROVIDE THE NEEDS AND SERVICES IN ALL LANGUAGES. THIS HAS BEEN
9 AN ISSUE THAT R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS
10 WITH THE COUNTY SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE R.I.T.E. PROGRAM.
11 THE MEASURE, THE SUCCESS OF ANY ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM BASED
12 ON ACTIVITIES THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE IS NOT AN
13 APPROPRIATE MEASUREMENT. OF COURSE, OUR FIRST PRIORITY WOULD
14 BE THAT THE COUNTY ENSURE THAT SUCH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WERE
15 AVAILABLE AND APPROVED IN ALL THE LANGUAGES AND IN ALL AREAS
16 OF THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, UNTIL THAT IS ACHIEVED, E.D.C.
17 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS AS ONE OF THE
18 THREE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE R.F.P. THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK THE SPEAKERS
22 THAT ARE ALREADY-- SHARE THEIR VIEWPOINTS, I'M GOING TO ASK
23 ALAN HESHEL TO JOIN US, JOY HOFER AND NORA ASHJIAN TO JOIN US.
24 BRENDA THOMAS.

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1 **BRENDA THOMAS:** MY NAME IS BRENDA THOMAS FROM CATHOLIC
2 CHARITIES. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS
3 ON THE DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES TO NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH
4 PARTICIPANTS BEFORE IT'S APPROVED. I, HOWEVER, AM ASKING THAT
5 YOU RECONSIDER THE SCOPE OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED.
6 CURRENTLY, AS YOU KNOW, ORIENTATION SERVICES, AS WELL AS JOB
7 CLUB SERVICES, ARE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTED AGENCIES AND I MIGHT
8 MENTION WITHOUT THE USE OF LANGUAGE LINE. I AM HERE TODAY
9 PARTICULARLY TO REQUEST THAT ORIENTATION SERVICES GO OUT FOR
10 COMPETITIVE BID INSTEAD OF AUTOMATICALLY GIVING THIS PART OF
11 THE SERVICE DELIVERY TO L.A. CO. SINCE 1998, CATHOLIC
12 CHARITIES HAS VERY CAPABLY PROVIDED THOSE TYPES OF SERVICES TO
13 THIS MULTILINGUAL POPULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL COUNTY
14 REQUIREMENTS AND, AGAIN, WITHOUT THE USE OF LANGUAGE LINE. AS
15 YOU MAY RECALL, CATHOLIC CHARITIES WAS MONITORED BY THE
16 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND FOUND TO HAVE ZERO FINDINGS. OUR
17 EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE PROVES THAT A COMMUNITY-BASED
18 ORGANIZATION, WITH EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL
19 CHECKS AND BALANCES, IS FULLY ABLE TO PROVIDE ORIENTATION
20 SERVICES AND, MOST LIKELY, AT A LOWER COST THAN L.A. COUNTY IS
21 EARMARKING FOR L.A. CO. TO PERFORM THIS TYPE OF SERVICE.
22 THEREFORE, I'M ASKING THAT THE BOARD REJECT THE DRAFT PROPOSAL
23 IN ITS CURRENT FORM UNTIL IT INCLUDES AN OPTION TO BID FOR
24 ORIENTATION SERVICES TO THIS POPULATION. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BARBARA. NEXT?

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3 **ALAN HESHEL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALLAN HESHEL. I AM THE
4 PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT. IN
5 ADDITION TO PROVIDING A VARIETY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
6 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS TO REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS, THIS
7 ORGANIZATION IS NATIONALLY ACCREDITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.
8 AND, AS SUCH, OUR ORGANIZATION IS AWARE THAT THE POSITIVE
9 OUTCOMES OF ANY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DEPEND ON THE SEAMLESS
10 DELIVERY OF SUPPORT SERVICES, COMBINED WITH THE RELEVANT
11 CURRICULUM. FOR AN IMMIGRANT POPULATION, IT IS IMMENSELY
12 IMPORTANT THAT A TRUSTING AND OPEN RELATIONSHIP BE DEVELOPED
13 BETWEEN PROGRAM STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS. THIS INCREASES
14 EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES, IMPROVES PROGRAM COMPLIANCE AND ENABLES
15 THE NEED FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO BE MORE EASILY IDENTIFIED.
16 THIS WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED BY SEPARATING JOB CLUB SERVICES FROM
17 THE REST OF THE PROGRAM. JOB CLUB IS THE ACTIVITY IN WHICH
18 PARTICIPANTS BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE STAFF AND WILL BE
19 ASSISTING THEM AND WHERE THE STAFF LEARNS THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS
20 OF EACH PARTICIPANT. THE ABILITY TO IDENTIFY JOB PLACEMENTS
21 AND TO DESIGN A SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PLAN APPROPRIATE FOR EACH
22 INDIVIDUAL WILL BE GREATLY HAMPERED BY SEPARATING JOB CLUB
23 FROM THE REST OF THE PROGRAM. OUR POPULATION NEEDS TO RECEIVE
24 SERVICES IN A FAMILIAR AND COMFORTABLE SETTING INSTEAD OF
25 BEING ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT VENUES FOR DIFFERENT SERVICES. FOR



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1 THE NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH SPEAKING POPULATION WITH A WIDE
2 SPAN OF SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES AND A TRUE FEAR OF GOVERNMENT,
3 THE DECISION TO PROVIDE JOB CLUB SERVICES IN AN INSTITUTIONAL
4 SETTING WITH A CURRICULUM THAT ALLOWS VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR
5 PERSONALIZATION WILL MAKE THE REACHING PROGRAM GOALS MORE
6 DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR THE
7 PARTICIPANTS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOUR BOARD CONSIDER
8 RELEASING THE R.F.P. THAT INCLUDES JOB CLUB SERVICES AS PART
9 OF A SEAMLESS AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **JOY HOFER:** MY NAME IS JOY HOFER. I WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL
14 INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES. I.I.L.A. HAS BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES
15 TO REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS SINCE 1914. WE ARE CURRENTLY ONE OF
16 THE CURRENT R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY
17 THAT I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT WE ARE-- THAT YOU ARE RELEASING
18 THIS R.F.P. FOR CONTINUATION OF WELFARE-TO-WORK SERVICES FOR
19 OUR CURRENT R.I.T.E. CLIENTS. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE
20 R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS AND ON BEHALF OF THESE CLIENTS. OUR PRIMARY
21 CONCERN IS THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE RECEIVE THE BEST
22 SERVICES POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM BECOME ECONOMICALLY SELF-
23 RELIANT. WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE R.F.P. CAN BE STRENGTHENED TO
24 ENSURE THAT THIS HAPPENS AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS
25 THAT YOU'VE BEEN HEARING. THE PARTICULAR ISSUE THAT I WANT TO



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1 TALK ABOUT IS RELATED TO COUNTY COSTS AND THE PROP "A"
2 ANALYSIS. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IN ORDER FOR ANY PROPOSAL TO BE
3 CONSIDERED, THE COSTS HAVE TO COME IN BELOW THE COUNTY COSTS
4 FOR PROVIDING THE SAME SERVICES. ON TOP OF THE BIDDER COSTS
5 WILL BE ADDED D.P.S.S. COSTS TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION AND
6 MONITORING OF THE PROGRAM. THE R.F.P., HOWEVER, DOESN'T TELL
7 US WHAT THESE COSTS, THESE ADDITIONAL COSTS, ARE GOING TO BE
8 AND SO IT MAKES IT REALLY HARD TO COME UP WITH A COMPETITIVE
9 BID. WE'RE BASICALLY BIDDING AGAINST D.P.S.S. WE'RE TRYING TO
10 COME UP WITH THE LOWEST COST BUT D.P.S.S. IS GOING TO ADD,
11 ARBITRARILY, SOME ADDITIONAL COSTS AND WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT
12 THE R.F.P. CLEARLY STATE WHAT THOSE COSTS WILL BE. WE'RE ALSO
13 ASKING THAT THE PROP "A" ANALYSIS BEEN TRANSPARENT, WITH
14 D.P.S.S. PROVIDING BUDGET LINE COSTS FOR PERSONNEL, BUILDING
15 SPACE, SUPPLIES AND ALL OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES SO THAT THE
16 PROP "A" ANALYSIS, WHEN IT HAPPENS, IS OPEN AND FAIR. THE
17 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED-- WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE BUDGETS FOR
18 OUR PROPOSALS AND IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR THAT, SINCE WE'RE GOING
19 TO DO A PROP "A" ANALYSIS ON THIS, D.P.S.S. BE REQUIRED TO
20 PROVIDE THE SAME KIND OF WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED BUDGETS FOR THE
21 SAME KIND OF WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
22 OF THESE REQUESTS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

25



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1 **NORA ASHJIAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
2 NORA ASHJIAN. I AM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT ARMENIAN
3 EVANGELICAL SOCIAL SERVICES CURRENTLY SERVING R.I.T.E.
4 PARTICIPANTS IN LOS ANGELES AND GLENDALE. I APPRECIATE THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD REGARDING THE PROPOSED R.F.P. FOR CASE
6 MANAGEMENT SERVICES. I AM TROUBLED THAT THE PERFORMANCE
7 MEASUREMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE R.F.P. INDICATE A LACK OF
8 SENSITIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF IMMIGRANT AND
9 REFUGEE POPULATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, MEASURING THE PERCENTAGE OF
10 REFERRALS TO SERVICES SUCH AS MENTAL HEALTH AND DOMESTIC
11 VIOLENCE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CULTURAL BARRIERS THAT
12 CAN MAKE IDENTIFYING SUCH ISSUES MORE DIFFICULT, SUCH AS
13 RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF PARTICIPANTS TO DIVULGE INFORMATION
14 ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. WHILE WE BELIEVE
15 THAT THE CULTURALLY COMPETENT SERVICE PROVIDER IS ABLE TO
16 EVENTUALLY IDENTIFY AND ASSIST WITH SUCH ISSUES, IT IS
17 UNREASONABLE TO COMPARE THE PERCENTAGE OF REFERRALS TO THOSE
18 OF OTHER POPULATIONS AS AN OVERALL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT.
19 LIKEWISE, IT IS NOT REASONABLE TO COMPARE PLACEMENTS BY
20 PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE
21 BARRIERS THAN THE MAINSTREAM POPULATION. PLEASE ENSURE THAT
22 ANY R.F.P. THAT IS ISSUED REFLECTS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO TRULY
23 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION TO BE
24 SERVED. THE R.F.P. BEFORE YOU TODAY DOES NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS
25 GOAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BRYCE-- COULD WE HAVE BRYCE
3 RESPOND, PLEASE, TO...

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE HAVE
6 BEEN A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE
7 CONTRACTORS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SOME OF PERFORMANCE
8 MEASURES AND SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SET FORTH
9 IN THIS R.F.P. I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT THAT YOUR BOARD, LAST
10 MONTH, REALLY WANTED TO ASSURE THAT, IN THIS R.F.P., WE HAD
11 GOOD STRONG PERFORMANCE MEASURES STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR
12 ALL OF OUR CONTRACTORS. SO THOSE ARE CURRENTLY A PART OF THE
13 R.F.P. OUR RECOMMENDATION, AGAIN, BECAUSE WE GOT THIS R.F.P.
14 OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WITH THE BOARD'S APPROVAL
15 TODAY, WE CAN CERTAINLY GET IT OUT IMMEDIATELY AND WE WOULD BE
16 ABLE TO GET CONTRACTED SERVICES IF THEY'RE DEEMED TO BE COST
17 EFFECTIVE. WE CAN GET THEM OUT WITH AN AWARD AS QUICKLY AS MAY
18 AND BE READY TO GO BY JUNE 1ST.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHAT ABOUT THE ISSUE OF D.P.S.S. AND L.A.
21 CO. HAVING THE LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES TO WORK WITH THE VARIOUS
22 POPULATIONS?

23

24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, L.A. CO. CURRENTLY HAS AN
25 ABILITY, WITH ITS 17 LANGUAGES OR 17 STAFF AVAILABLE, TO



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1 HANDLE OVER 95% OF THE LANGUAGE NEEDS OF THIS PARTICULAR
2 POPULATION. L.A. CO. HAS INDICATED TO D.P.S.S. THAT THEY WOULD
3 BE ABLE TO HANDLE, BY THE START OF THE CONTRACT, 100% OF THE
4 LANGUAGE NEEDS OF THIS POPULATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS ANY CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO HIRING
7 ANY OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE EXISTING PROVIDERS?

8

9 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES. THEY HAVE ACCESS TO OVER 90 SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS, AS YOU KNOW, SO THEY'VE GOT A RICH BASE OF
11 RESOURCES THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM AND SO THEY WOULD BE ABLE
12 TO CHOOSE FROM THE COMMUNITY OR THEIR EXISTING EDUCATIONAL
13 RESOURCES.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU SAID YOU
16 HAD A QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION. BRYCE, WHAT CHANGES WERE
19 INCLUDED IN THE R.F.P. THAT ADDRESSES THE UNIQUE CULTURAL
20 NEEDS OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY?

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** ONE OF THE THINGS, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE WANTED
23 TO BE ABLE TO DO WAS TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND THE LOCATIONS IN
24 WHICH THE COMMUNITY WAS GOING TO BE SERVED. SO WE'RE GOING TO
25 BE MOVING INTO A LARGER NUMBER OF LOCATIONS THAT WE CAN TO



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1 SERVE THE STAFF. WE ALSO HAVE THE-- WITH THE CURRENT
2 CONTRACTORS THAT ARE OUT THERE, WE FEEL THAT, IF ANY OF THEM
3 ARE COST EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL IN DOING THIS, WE HAVE EVERY
4 CONFIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MEET THE BILINGUAL
5 AND BICULTURAL NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY. ALSO, WITH REGARD,
6 AGAIN, GETTING BACK TO L.A. CO., THEY HAVE A LONG HISTORY.
7 THEY WERE THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY WERE SERVING THIS POPULATION
8 PRIOR TO THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS BEING IN PLACE. SO, THEY HAVE
9 A LONG HISTORY OF OVER A DECADE OF SERVING THIS POPULATION AS
10 WELL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT WE HAVE A GUARANTEE THAT THE R.F.P.
13 PROCESS WILL HAVE, AS A COMPONENT, THAT PROVISION THAT THE
14 CONTRACT WOULD ADDRESS THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANT
15 COMMUNITY?

16

17 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S SPECIFICALLY OUTLINED
18 AS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE R.F.P. IS TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR
21 YAROSLAVSKY?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE CULTURAL UNIQUE NEEDS BEING PART OF
5 THAT R.F.P. PROCESS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT THEY CONTINUE TO LOOK
8 AT THE R.F.P. AS IT'S GOING THROUGH TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE
9 CULTURAL ISSUES.

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WE'LL ENSURE TO DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I THINK THAT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT
14 ISSUE. BUT I THINK THEY RESPONDED TO IT THAT THEY WILL BE
15 LOOKING AT THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS IMPORTANT. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
16 SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CURRICULUM, RIGHT,
21 BRYCE, AS WELL? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CURRICULUM ALONG WITH
22 THE LANGUAGE? THE CURRICULUM. RIGHT? THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD CALL UP ITEM 16. MEMBER OF THE
25 PUBLIC.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 16 WAS HELD FOR A MEMBER
3 OF THE PUBLIC. MR. BAXTER? YOU STILL HERE? WELCOME, PETER.

4

5 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M GLAD TO SEE WE'VE
6 GOT A COUNTY COUNSEL. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BOARD AND
7 ALSO MR. FORTNER. MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
8 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND
9 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS
10 AGENDA ITEM IS BASED UPON THE PRESENT METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRE.
11 FIRE MANAGEMENT CONSIDERS THE EMPLOYMENT OF WILD LAND FIRE
12 SHELTERS TO BE AN ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF PROTECTING THE FIRE,
13 THE LIFE OF A FIREFIGHTER ENGAGED IN FIGHTING A WILD LAND
14 FIRE. THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR TESTING AND EXAMINING THE
15 POLICIES OF FIREFIGHTING MANAGEMENT BY AN INDEPENDENT,
16 INFORMED AND RESPONSIBLE SOURCE OF MAKING A CAREFUL AND
17 STUDIED ANALYSIS OF EVERY POLICY THAT EXPOSES A FIREFIGHTER TO
18 THE RISK OF HIS OR HER LIFE. THE 9/11 DISASTER IN MANHATTAN
19 WAS ATTENDED BY FIREFIGHTERS WHO WERE ORDERED TO CLIMB THE
20 STAIRS OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING AND WHICH ACTIVITY LEFT NO
21 RATIONAL PROBABILITY OF SUCH ACTIVITY BEING SUCCESSFUL. NO
22 ONE, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO A WILD LAND FIRE,
23 INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS. EITHER WE FIND A METHOD
24 OF CONTENDING WITH SUCH FIRES OR WE LET WILD LAND FIRES BURN
25 THEMSELVES OUT AND THEY'RE GOING TO BURN THEMSELVES OUT



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1 ANYWAY. ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. THANK YOU, MR.
2 CHAIRMAN. I'M GLAD TO TELL YOU THAT, IN TODAY'S DAILY JOURNAL,
3 LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL, I WAS ABLE TO PUT IN DISPLAY AD ON
4 PAGE TWO ON THE TOP LEFT-HAND CORNER IN WHICH I DISCUSS THE
5 INSURANCE COSTS TO THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY DUE TO THE FACT THAT
6 THEY'RE USING A METHOD-- THAT THEY'RE PAYING FOR A PROSPECT OF
7 USING WATER TO PROTECT THEIR COLLECTIONS, WHEREAS I'M
8 SUGGESTING THAT, IF THEY WERE TO CONSIDER USING STEAM, THEY
9 WOULD SLASH THE COST OF INSURANCE. AND I THANK YOU, MR.
10 PRESIDENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D MOVE APPROVAL.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
17 SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D TAKE UP ITEM 62-C. I'D
20 LIKE THE STAFF TO COME UP. OR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,
21 ACTUALLY, TO COME UP. IS THE AUDITOR HERE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THE AUDITOR OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
24 AUDITOR'S OFFICE HERE WITH REGARDS TO ITEM 62-C?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE SOMEBODY FROM THE AUDITOR-
2 CONTROLLER'S OFFICE HERE? ALL RIGHT. THIS IS NOT GOING TO
3 WORK. WHY ISN'T THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY?
4 I'M GOING TO...

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WENDY WATANABE IS HERE. SHE WAS HERE
7 EARLIER.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL HOLD IT AND LET'S GET SOMEBODY DOWN TO
10 TALK ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT IT.
11 IT'S MORE OF AN-- FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IT'S MORE OF THE
12 AUDITORS THAN YOU GUYS THAT I WANT TO...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IN THE MEANTIME, CAN I CALL UP THE
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THEN THAT HAVE SIGNED UP IN REGARDS TO
16 THIS ITEM OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UH... THAT'S FINE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. JEFF BAILEY, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
21 ALICIA AVALOS ARE THE FIRST THREE I'D CALL AND RICHARD
22 HAMILTON AND CARRIE BROADUS. YES, SIR. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **JEFF BAILEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JEFF BAILEY, I'M THE
25 COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR OF THE L.A. COUNTY H.I.V. PREVENTION



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1 PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COUNTY
2 H.I.V. PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO
3 MOVE-- TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO MOVE
4 FORWARD WITH THE PREVENTION PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS.
5 DURING THE LAST 18 MONTHS, THE P.P.C. HAS WORKED VIGILANTLY IN
6 DEVELOPING A NEW PREVENTION PLAN TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
7 VITAL PREVENTION SERVICES SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT
8 IMPACT ON THE DELIVERY OF H.I.V. PREVENTION SERVICES IN L.A.
9 COUNTY. SO, ONCE AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE P.P.C., I WOULD URGE
10 YOU TO ALLOW D.H.S. TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. GENEVIEVE, I CALLED
14 YOU.

15

16 **ALICIA AVALOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALICIA AVALOS FROM
17 WOMEN ALIVE COALITION. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND
18 OTHER SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND EXPRESS
19 WOMEN ALIVE'S APPRECIATION FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA PUTTING FORTH
20 THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE H.I.V.
21 PREVENTION SERVICES AWARD. WITHOUT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, THERE IS
22 NO OPPORTUNITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGHLY NEEDED H.I.V.
23 PREVENTION SERVICES, PARTICULARLY TO PEOPLE OF COLOR
24 COMMUNITIES. ANY FURTHER DELAY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINE
25 COMMUNITY EFFORTS OF STOPPING THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. AMONG



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1 HIGHLY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. WOMEN ALIVE COALITION IS A
2 SMALL AGENCY WITH LESS THAN 10 STAFF PERSONS, NO DEVELOPMENT
3 DEPARTMENT, NO GRANT WRITER, NO RESEARCHER, NO STATE-OF-THE-
4 ART COPY MACHINES, YET WORKING OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE FOURTH
5 OF JULY HOLIDAY, WE WERE ABLE TO SUBMIT A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE
6 APPLICATION BASED UPON THE CRITERIA INDICATED IN THE R.F.P.
7 THIS INCLUDED SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION BY THE EXPLICIT
8 DEADLINE OF TUESDAY, JULY 6TH, 2004. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS
9 THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AWARD ALL
10 CONTRACTS AND IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT AWARDS ARE BASED UPON
11 A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PROCESS THAT IS CLEAR, CONCISE, AND
12 CONSISTENT. IN SHORT, THE R.F.P. PROCESS MUST BE TRANSPARENT.
13 HOWEVER, WHAT HAS BEEN TRANSPARENT TO US AND MANY OTHERS IS
14 THAT THE PROCESS HAS NOT BEEN CLEAR, CONCISE OR CONSISTENT. IN
15 CLOSING, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING: THE AWARD
16 ANNOUNCEMENTS, ALONG WITH FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS, ARE MADE ON
17 NOVEMBER 30TH. ADEQUATE AND SUFFICIENT TIME BE GIVEN FOR THE
18 APPEAL PROCESS. THE CONTRACT SIGNING SHOULD NOT IMPEDE THE
19 JANUARY 1, 2005 START DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW OR
20 REFUNDED H.I.V. PREVENTION SERVICES. REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE
21 R.F.P. PROCESS TO ENSURE ALL LEVELS OF THE BIDDING PROCESS ARE
22 CLEAR, CONCISE AND CONSISTENT. PROVIDE REALISTIC TIMELINES
23 THAT ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE RESPONSE FROM APPLICANTS. REVIEW
24 METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING APPLICATIONS, BOTH EXTERNALLY AND
25 INTERNALLY, TO ENSURE THEY ARE CLEAR, CONCISE, AND CONSISTENT.



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1 AND INCLUDE THE REVIEW METHODOLOGY FOR MEASUREMENTS, INTERNAL
2 AND EXTERNAL, IN THE R.F.P. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE AND I'LL CALL UP
6 RICHARD HAMILTON AND CARRIE BROADUS.

7

8 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I
9 AM CONCERNED BECAUSE WE ARE BACK WHERE WE HAVE BEEN EVERY
10 TIME. AT THE LAST MINUTE, WE GET THAT RUSH TO SIGN A CONTRACT.
11 AGAIN, WITH NOT THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. AN AUDIT WAS
12 ASKED TO REVIEW AND, AGAIN, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WANTED TO
13 ACCELERATE THE SPEED OF APPROVAL. WE HAVE NO COPY OF THE
14 DOCUMENT, WE HAVE NO COPY OF WHICH AGENCY IN THAT LARGEST THE
15 COUNTY ARE GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW. WE HAVE COMPLAINED FOR MANY
16 YEARS, I WOULD SAY FIVE YEARS, AT LEAST, FOR THE LACK OF
17 APPROPRIATE R.F.P. BEHAVIOR FROM O.A.P.P. WE HAVE COMPLAINED
18 ABOUT THE THREATS. WE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RETALIATION.
19 WE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE UNFAIRNESS AND NOTHING HAS BEEN
20 DONE. AND EVERY TIME WHEN WE NEED TO RENEW A CONTRACT, AT THE
21 LAST MINUTE, YOU SAY, "AH, THOSE POOR PEOPLE WITH THE H.I.V.
22 GOING TO DIE AND SO ON." YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR BURKE PROMISED,
23 GIVE ME HER WORD OF HONOR THAT, FROM NOW ON, WE WILL, YOU
24 KNOW, DO THE PROCESS AS IT IS. THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED AND I
25 THINK IT'S TIME WE CHANGE. IT'S TIME WE LOOK AT THE PROCESS,



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1 WE LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON AT O.A.P.P. AND WE START AWARDING
2 CONTRACTS WILLY NILLY OF WHO IS A FRIEND OF WHOM. BECAUSE, IN
3 THE END, IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. OR WE WANT TO PREVENT
4 TO GET H.I.V. WHO DO NOT GET THE CARE. AND ONCE SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH-- I MEAN, I'M SORRY, WHOO, ZEV, THAT WAS A FREUDIAN
6 SLIP, ZEV, AT THE ECONOMY CRACKDOWN MEETING, MAKES THE COMMENT
7 IN PUBLIC TO KEEP BUSINESS PEOPLE WHAT KING DREW WAS FULL OF
8 INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION. I GUESS HE KNEW WHAT HE WAS
9 TALKING, HE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-- OH, SORRY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RICHARD AND...

14

15 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I PICKED YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONO-- ZEV.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW ALL OF US SLAVS LOOK ALIKE BUT
20 IT'S...

21

22 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. I'M GLAD. [LIGHT
23 LAUGHTER]

24



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1 **RICHARD HAMILTON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M RICHARD HAMILTON, I AM
2 H.I.V. POSITIVE AND I AM H.I.V. EMPOWERED. MY LIFE IS GOOD
3 TODAY BECAUSE OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM
4 HERE TODAY BECAUSE I WANT TO ASSURE THAT THERE ARE NO
5 INTERRUPTION IN PREVENTION SERVICES. PREVENTION AND CARE
6 SERVICES ARE VITAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF MY COMMUNITY. A.I.D.S.
7 IS THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN 25 TO 44 IN
8 AMERICA. AND, ALTHOUGH WE ARE WINNING A FIGHT, WE NEED NO
9 INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICES FOR VITAL PREVENTION SERVICES. AS
10 PART OF NATIONAL BLACK H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY, WE HAVE
11 COME TO YOU BEFORE WHERE YOU'VE DECLARED THAT WEEK AND WE'VE
12 HAD GREAT SUCCESSES IN COUNSELING AND TESTING AND GETTING
13 PEOPLE INTO CARE WHERE THEY NORMALLY WOULD NOT REACH SERVICES.
14 SO, ONCE AGAIN, I ASK THAT YOU DO NOT INTERRUPT THE SERVICES.
15 THIS IS A SHORT TURNAROUND AND WE NEED TO KNOW THE INFORMATION
16 IN ORDER THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THE SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CARRIE?

20

21 **CARRIE BROADUS:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE
22 SUPERVISORS HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BUT, MORE
23 IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT RICHARD HAMILTON HAS
24 SAID. THIS ISSUE IS NOT JUST ABOUT H.I.V. PREVENTION, THIS IS
25 ABOUT CARE AND TREATMENT AND WE ALL KNOW THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR,



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1 PARTICULARLY WOMEN OF COLOR, MEN OF COLOR, ACCESS TREATMENT
2 WELL INTO THE PROGRESSION OF THE DISEASE. WITHIN THE H.I.V.
3 PREVENTION PROPOSAL IS H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING. THAT IS
4 THE MEASUREMENT BY WHICH WE CAN DETERMINE A PERSON'S STATUS
5 AND THEN SWIFTLY MOVE THEM INTO TREATMENT. SO I URGE YOU THAT
6 WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD, THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY
7 INTERRUPTION IN SERVICES, THAT CONTRACTS MUST BE IN PLACE BY
8 JANUARY THE 1ST, 2005. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS NOT ONLY PEOPLE'S
9 LIVES IN TERMS OF THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
10 PEOPLE IN TERMS OF JOBS. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY CALLS AND
11 THE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HAD WITHIN THE SECOND DISTRICT
12 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. COMMUNITY COALITION WHERE PERSONS ARE
13 CONCERNED WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE SERVICES. AM I GOING
14 TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING? AM I GOING
15 TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS GROUP COUNSELING? AM I ABLE TO RECEIVE
16 CONDOMS? AND WE NEED TO GIVE THEM THE ANSWERS. IT IS-- WE
17 RECOGNIZE IT IS THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS TO AWARD ALL CONTRACTS BUT YOU CANNOT MAKE
19 DECISIONS BASED UPON A FLAWED PROCESS. I URGE THAT, AS WE MOVE
20 FORWARD, THAT THERE IS A CLEAR REVIEW OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS
21 SO, IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN MOVE FORWARD SWIFTLY AND NOT HARM
22 THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK
23 YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOMEONE
2 NOW FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE THAT CAN RESPOND TO MR.
3 YAROSLAVSKY'S CONCERNS. THANK YOU ALL OF YOU FOR COMING DOWN.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK MARIA IS HERE FROM THE AUDITOR-
6 CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS THING HAS BEEN
7 DELAYED, FOR WHATEVER THE REASON IS AND THE CONTRACTS ARE NOW
8 COMING TO-- THEY'RE EXPIRING, I BELIEVE, AT THE END OF THE
9 CALENDAR YEAR. IS THAT CORRECT?

10

11 **MARIA:** THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S HOW IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION. I
14 WAS RECEIVING CALLS FROM SOME OF THE PROVIDERS IN THE
15 COMMUNITY WHO DEAL WITH H.I.V., AND-- ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AND
16 WE LOOKED INTO IT. I'M SURE MISS MOLINA LOOKED INTO IT AS WELL
17 AND SHE'LL HAVE HER OWN COMMENTS ON THIS. I SUPPORT HER
18 MOTION. MY QUESTION TO YOU IS THAT I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT YOUR
19 REPORT ON THIS, WHICH IS A PREREQUISITE TO RENEWING THE
20 CONTRACTS OR EXTENDING THE CONTRACTS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
21 CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, HAS BEEN SO DELAYED THAT IT
22 COMPROMISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WILL BE DONE IN TIME TO
23 EXTEND THE CONTRACTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST. IF THAT'S THE
24 CASE, HOW DO WE GET THIS-- IF IT'S NOT THE CASE, THEN SAY SO.



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1 IF IT IS THE CASE, THEN HOW DO WE ACCELERATE THE COMPLETION OF
2 YOUR REPORT?

3

4 **MARIA:** OKAY. WE WERE ASKED TO REVIEW THE EVALUATION PROCESS,
5 THE R.F.P. PROCESS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO DO WHAT? RENEW IT? REVIEW IT?

8

9 **MARIA:** REVIEW-- YES. AND WE JUST STARTED A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO,
10 REVIEWING THE SCORING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EVALUATION PROCESS
11 AND THE COMPANIES THAT WERE SELECTED ARE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S
12 DOCUMENTATION FOR THE DIFFERENT-- THE PROCESSES. WE ANTICIPATE
13 TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK AND A HALF OR SO.
14 SO, BY NOVEMBER 30TH, WE WOULD HAVE OUR COMMENTS TO YOUR
15 BOARD.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR REPORT WILL BE DONE WITHIN A WEEK
18 AND A HALF?

19

20 **MARIA:** YES, LIKE I SAID, WE ARE REVIEWING JUST EVALUATION
21 PROCESS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE
24 WORKING ON THANKSGIVING AND THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING?

25



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1 **MARIA:** NO, BY NOVEMBER 30TH, WE WILL HAVE...

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO WORK ON THANKSGIVING
4 BUT NOVEMBER 30TH IS TWO WEEKS.

5

6 **MARIA:** THAT'S WHAT...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE GOING--
9 IT'S GOING TO BE DONE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH?

10

11 **MARIA:** THAT'S WHEN WE PLAN TO BE DONE. YES, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND DOES THAT GIVE US ENOUGH TIME AND THE
14 PROVIDERS ENOUGH TIME TO GET THE CONTRACTS IN ORDER AND HAVE A
15 SEAMLESS TRANSITION FROM THIS YEAR, FROM THIS CONTRACT PERIOD
16 TO THE NEXT ONE STARTING ON JANUARY 1ST? I ASSUME IT WILL.

17

18 **MARIA:** I THINK SO.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT MAY BE A QUESTION THAT MR.
21 SCHUNHOFF OR MR. HENRY CAN ANSWER AS WELL AND MAYBE NOW IS THE
22 TIME FOR THEM TO COME FORWARD.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ONE QUESTION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I-- YEAH-- NO, I'M NOT KICKING HER OUT.
2 I JUST WANT THEM TO-- LAST QUESTION OF YOU IS, IF THERE'S ANY-
3 - I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, FROM MY POINT OF VIEW,
4 I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THIS IS-- I WAS NOT AWARE THAT
5 THERE HAD BEEN A DELAY. THIS IS A COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM, GRANTS
6 COUNTYWIDE WITH IMPLICATIONS AND WHATEVER THE REASONS WERE FOR
7 THE DELAY, I WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF IT AND I WOULD LIKE, IN THE
8 FUTURE, AND I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THIS AS A FORMAL MOTION, I
9 JUST THINK IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE, THAT, WHEN THERE IS SOME
10 DELAY FOR WHATEVER THE REASON IS, THAT HAS THIS EFFECT ON-- IN
11 ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND WHERE WE ARE LIKELY TO RAISE THE
12 IRE OR THE ANGST OF OUR CONTRACTING AGENCIES, LIKE CHILDREN'S
13 HOSPITAL CONTACTED ME, CONTACTED MY OFFICE, CHILDREN'S
14 HOSPITAL, SAYING, "WHAT GIVES? WE'RE GOING TO LOSE THE ABILITY
15 TO PROVIDE OUR PEDIATRIC A.I.D.S. PROGRAM." YOU KNOW. AND
16 THAT'S HOW-- IT DIDN'T COME TO MY ATTENTION FROM YOU OR FROM
17 YOU, IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION FROM ONE OF THE PROVIDERS WHO
18 WERE-- WHO SMELLED THE PROBLEM AND I DON'T LIKE BEING PUT IN
19 THAT POSITION. BUT THAT'S NOT THE MOST-- THAT'S THE LEAST OF
20 IT. MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS THAT, IF IT HADN'T HAVE BEEN FOR
21 THIS COMING TO OUR ATTENTION AND FOR THIS MOTION, THIS COULD
22 HAVE GONE ON INTO CHRISTMAS AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE HAD A
23 BREAKDOWN OF SERVICE OR THE KIND OF EMERGENCY STUFF THAT WE
24 FREQUENTLY GET CRITICIZED AND JUSTIFIABLY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
25 IN THIS CASE, CRITICIZED ABOUT. SO I WANT TO ASK YOU GENTLEMEN



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1 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, IF THIS IS DONE ON OR
2 BEFORE NOVEMBER 30TH, CAN WE HAVE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION TO THE
3 NEXT CALENDAR YEAR WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE?

4

5 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IF THE BOARD GIVES US DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
6 FINISH THE CONTRACTS, MEANING THE DETAILS WITH APPROVAL BY
7 COUNTY COUNSEL, WE CAN HAVE NEW CONTRACTS IN PLACE ON JANUARY
8 1ST IF WE GET AN ANSWER-- HAVE THIS DONE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET THAT, WHAT WOULD
11 HAPPEN? YOU'D HAVE TO COME BACK TO US?

12

13 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, THE ISSUE IS THAT IT TAKES A LITTLE
14 WHILE TO NEGOTIATE THE ACTUAL BUDGET AND SCOPE OF WORK, THE
15 FINAL DETAILS. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, THOSE ARE BASED UPON THE
16 PROPOSALS THAT CAME IN BUT THOSE STILL HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED.
17 AND, SINCE WE'VE NOT ANNOUNCED, WE'VE NOT BEEN IN THOSE
18 NEGOTIATIONS. AND SO THE LAST MEETING THAT YOU WILL BE MEETING
19 IN DECEMBER IS DECEMBER 14TH, I BELIEVE...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT.

22

23 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** ... AND SO THERE'S NOT TIME ENOUGH FOR YOU TO
24 HAVE THE ACTUAL FULL SET OF CONTRACTS AND ALL THE DETAILS HERE
25 AT THAT TIME. BUT IF THE BOARD GIVES DELEGATED AUTHORITY WITH



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1 THE LIST OF CONTRACTS, THE AMOUNTS AND THEN GIVES US THE
2 AUTHORITY TO FINISH THEM, WE CAN DO THAT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'M PREPARED TO MAKE THAT
5 AMENDMENT TO MS. MOLINA'S MOTION, IF SHE'LL ACCEPT IT, OR AT
6 LEAST MAKE THE AMENDMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION AND
7 THEN WE CAN HEAR WHETHER THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. BUT HERE'S THE
8 PROBLEM. I DON'T LIKE BEING PUT IN THE POSITION. I DON'T THINK
9 ANY OF US LIKE TO BE PUT IN THE POSITION WHERE WE'RE FACED
10 WITH THIS KIND OF A HOBSON'S CHOICE, WHERE WE'RE GOING TO
11 DELEGATE AND I TRUST YOU AND I, YOU KNOW, I HAVE NO QUESTION
12 ABOUT THAT BUT THE PROCESS FOR US AND FOR THE-- THE WHOLE
13 PROCESS IS TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY AND TO GIVE PEOPLE AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IF THERE'S A PROBLEM THAT'S POPPED UP OR
15 THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN THE CONTRACTS ARE IN KEEPING WITH
16 WHAT WE'VE ORIGINALLY DIRECTED. AND WE'RE GOING-- WE'RE NOW IN
17 THE POSITION OF HAVING TO TRUST YOUR OFFICE TO EXECUTE, IN
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THAT, WHICH I'M PREPARED TO TAKE THAT RISK. I
19 THINK IT'S A RELATIVELY SMALL RISK BUT, BECAUSE OF THIS DELAY,
20 WE HAVE BEEN PUT IN THAT POSITION. SO...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, I JUST...

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL MAKE-- I WILL JUST...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THE BOTH OF YOU BUT I GOT
6 TO...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IF I COULD JUST MAKE THE AMENDMENT THAT
9 WE DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY FOR THEM TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT SO
10 THAT THERE'S A SEAMLESS TRANSITION WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OF
11 SERVICE ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY AND THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, I DON'T KNOW IF
14 YOU'RE INDIRECTLY REFERRING TO ME OR NOT BUT I WAS THE
15 PURVEYOR, WHICH YOU ALL VOTED ON, BY THE WAY, FOR THE REVIEW
16 AND THE PROCESS IS FLAWED. AND WE ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
17 TO REVIEW IT. WE DID IT AS A VOTE AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS NOT A VOTE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, IT WAS. AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED WAS
22 THERE WERE SOME OTHER ISSUES, I GUESS, WITHIN THE AUDITOR-
23 CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. THEY PULLED OFF SOME AUDITORS AND NOW
24 THEY'RE BACK ON THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. AND THEY SAID THEY



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1 COULD COME BACK BY THE 30TH AND I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I'M NOT
2 OPPOSED TO THE MOTION AT ALL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WAS NOT REFERRING TO YOU
5 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. IF I WAS GOING TO REFER TO YOU, I'LL
6 REFER TO YOU DIRECTLY. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOU ASKING FOR A
7 REVIEW BUT, IF THE REVIEW, FOR WHATEVER THE REASON, AND IT
8 WASN'T NECESSARILY YOU OR YOUR OFFICE, IF THE REVIEW ENDS UP
9 CAUSING A DELAY WHICH JEOPARDIZES THE PROGRAM, I THINK WE'RE
10 ALL ENTITLED TO KNOW ABOUT IT AND WE WEREN'T. THAT'S ALL.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE CONTRACTORS
20 HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE THE SUCCESSFUL
21 PEOPLE, HAVE THEY?

22

23 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

24

25 **CHUCK HENRY:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, WHAT IF THE AUDITOR FINDS THAT THE EVALUATION
3 IS INCORRECT AND THAT THESE PEOPLE, WHO NOW HAVE THE
4 CONTRACTS, NO LONGER ARE GOING TO BE AWARDED? NOW, WHILE I
5 AGREE THAT IT'S FINE TO ALLOW YOU TO NEGOTIATE, BUT WHAT
6 HAPPENS IF YOU FIND IT'S FLAWED? DOES IT GO OUT AGAIN? OR HOW
7 DO WE HANDLE THAT?

8

9 **MARIA:** IT IS POSSIBLE, THOUGH, WE MAY HAVE TO RECOMMEND REBID.
10 I'M NOT-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT UNTIL WE ARE DONE WITH A
11 REVIEW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, AT THIS POINT WHERE WE KNOW THAT WE'RE VERY
14 CLOSE TO NOVEMBER 30TH AND WE-- I GUESS AT THAT MEETING WE
15 COULD SAY THAT WE EXTEND THESE FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS BUT I WOULD
16 ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO EXTEND THE EXISTING
17 CONTRACTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME IF, ON NOVEMBER 30TH, YOU
18 FIND THAT THERE'S SOME FLAW IN THE AWARDING OF THE CONTRACTS,
19 PARTICULARLY IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT REBIDDING. AND I KNOW
20 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PRESSURE ON PEOPLE TO THROW THIS R.F.P.
21 OUT, BECAUSE THERE WAS A LOT OF DISAGREEMENT IN TERMS OF SOME
22 OF THE PROVISIONS AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON THAT I'M REALLY
23 CONCERNED ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I KNOW HOW THE PRESSURE WAS IN THE
24 LOBBYING AND EVERYTHING ELSE AS FAR AS THIS CONTRACT. BUT I'D



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1 LIKE TO GET SOME RESPONSE. WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO IF THEY SAY
2 IT'S FLAWED?

3

4 **CHUCK HENRY:** WELL, I DO THINK-- YOU'RE CORRECT, SUPERVISOR
5 BURKE, WE WOULD HAVE TO REBID AND MAKE EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING
6 CONTRACTS. THERE'S SOME CHALLENGE WITH THAT, GIVEN THAT WE
7 HAVE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF MONEY AVAILABLE AND A DIFFERENT SET
8 OF SERVICES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTAND. THE MONEY IS DIFFERENT
11 FOR NEXT YEAR. IF WE SAY, IN THIS MOTION, IF, FOR INSTANCE, IF
12 I AM IN THIS MOTION TO SAY THAT, ON NOVEMBER 30TH, IF THERE'S
13 A DETERMINATION THAT THIS BID IS FLAWED AND IT'S GOING TO HAVE
14 TO BE REBID, THAT WE WOULD THEN EXTEND THE CONTRACTS FOR
15 ANOTHER-- HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR A REBID? 60 DAYS?

16

17 **CHUCK HENRY:** WELL, I MEAN, REBIDDING AND REVIEW PROCESS, YOU
18 KNOW, I THINK, TAKES SIX MONTHS, YOU KNOW, TO BE-- TO BE
19 REALISTIC ABOUT IT. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS CAME FORWARD IN
20 SEPTEMBER. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN REVIEWED INTERNALLY BY THE
21 DEPARTMENT'S AUDIT INSPECTION UNIT AND WE WERE PREPARED TO
22 RELEASE THOSE RESULTS. THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL
23 REVIEW BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. SO I'M NOT SURE HOW THAT...

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I WOULD-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WOULD YOU
2 ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT THAT, IN THE EVENT THEY COME BACK AND SAY
3 THAT IT'S FLAWED, THAT THE EXISTING CONTRACTS WOULD BE
4 EXTENDED AT THE PRESENT RATE FOR ANOTHER 60 DAYS?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, FIRST OF ALL, I THINK I
7 GOT THE SAME CALLS AS EVERYONE ELSE HAS WONDERING WHERE THESE
8 CONTRACTS ARE AT, BECAUSE SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE DELAYED IN
9 THE COMMUNITY AND THESE ARE SIGNIFICANT SERVICES. LET'S
10 UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY. THERE WAS AN R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WAS
11 COMPLETED AND THOSE AWARDS WERE READY TO BE MADE. THERE WAS A
12 REQUEST FOR AN AUDIT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WENT
13 IN AND THEY DID AN AUDIT OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS, AND SUPPOSEDLY
14 CAME OUT WITH A RESULT THAT SAID THERE WAS NOT A PROBLEM.
15 WELL, THAT WASN'T SATISFACTORY TO FOLKS. NOW THEY'VE ASKED FOR
16 ANOTHER AUDIT AND THAT IS THE AUDITOR TO GO IN THERE AND AUDIT
17 IT, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING IT IMMEDIATELY BUT THEY
18 GOT SIDETRACKED TO DO AN AUDIT SOMEWHERE ELSE, WHICH I WON'T
19 MENTION WHAT IT IS. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS MYSELF.
20 AND SO NOW ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE WAITING AND WE'RE
21 JUST HEARING THE COMPLICATIONS OF THIS. FIRST OF ALL, THE
22 CONTRACTORS HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. SECOND OF ALL, THE
23 CONTRACTORS HAVE TO COME IN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES AND OUTLINE THEIR CONTRACTS, NEGOTIATE THEIR
25 CONTRACTS AND THEY HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL



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1 SO THAT THEY CAN START PROVIDING SERVICES IN JANUARY.
2 UNBELIEVABLE! NOW, WHAT IS IT THAT SOMEBODY IS SEEING THAT IS
3 SO FLAWED HERE OTHER THAN THERE IS SOMEBODY OUT THERE WHO,
4 EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE ON THE LIST OR NOT,
5 THINKS THAT THEY'RE NOT ON THE LIST? WE COULD CONTINUE THIS
6 KIND OF SUSPICION ALL DAY LONG. LET'S SAY THAT THEY'RE NOT
7 HAPPY AT THE END OF THE AUDIT. THAT, EVEN THOUGH THE AUDIT WAS
8 PRISTINE, THEY'RE STILL NOT HAPPY WITH IT, THEN WILL IT GET
9 CONTINUED AGAIN? THE REALITY IS, THERE'S GOT TO BE A POINT IN
10 TIME WHERE YOU SAY, WHAT IS WRONG? WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE
11 D.H.S. AUDIT? WHAT WAS WRONG WITH IT?

12

13 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE-- WE FOUND NOTHING WRONG WITH THE PROCESS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY. THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH IT. THERE
16 IS-- THIS DELAY IS A LITTLE BIT MUCH. NOW, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW
17 WHAT THEY COULD FIND. WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY FIND THAT-- AND
18 WHAT ARE THE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE ABOUT IT BEING
19 FLAWED? WHAT? LACK OF NOTICE? IMPROPER EVALUATION? I MEAN,
20 WHAT ARE THE KEY-- WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT ARE EVALUATED,
21 NORMALLY? HELLO?!

22

23 **MARIA:** LIKE I SAID, SUPERVISOR, WE JUST BEGAN THE REVIEW AND
24 IT'S PRELIMINARY FOR ME TO COMMENT ON...

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, AGAIN, ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK AT THE D.H.S.
2 REVIEW?

3

4 **MARIA:** WE ARE LOOKING AT THE D.H.S. REVIEW AND WE ARE LOOKING
5 AT THE SCORING PROCESS ALSO, YES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IN THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES, THERE WERE
8 CONFLICT, POTENTIAL CONFLICT ON SELECTION AS WELL AS LATENESS
9 OF ENTRIES ON THE R.F.P. PROCESS. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE WAS CONFLICT? WHAT WAS THE CONFLICT?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T KNOW YET. THAT'S-- THEY'RE...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, I MEAN, YOU CAN SAY THERE'S CONFLICT,
16 THERE'S CONFLICT...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME, SO, I
19 MEAN...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT WHAT IS THE CONFLICT? WHAT IS THE
22 CONFLICT ALLEGATION? SOMEONE WAS, WHAT...

23

24 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CONFLICT ALLEGATION WAS.
25 THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT THE USE OF AN INTERNAL REVIEW AS



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1 WELL AS AN EXTERNAL REVIEW AND WE LOOKED AT THE ISSUE OF THE
2 INTERNAL REVIEW PROCESS AND HOW THOSE POINTS WERE ASSIGNED AND
3 WHAT THEY-- WHAT THE INSTRUMENT WAS THAT WAS USED FOR THAT AND
4 ALSO WHETHER INTERNAL REVIEW IS USED IN OTHER R.F.P.
5 SITUATIONS. AND WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT IT WAS AND IT SEEMED
6 THAT THE PROCESS WAS OBJECTIVE. IT HAD POINTS, SPECIFIC POINTS
7 ASSIGNED FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE MEASURES OF THE CONTRACTORS
8 BASED ON THEIR PROGRAM AND ALSO FISCAL REPORTS FROM THE PAST.

9

10 **CHUCK HENRY:** SO THE EXTERNAL REVIEW, SUPERVISOR, THE EXTERNAL
11 REVIEW PROCESS LOOKS AT THE PROPOSAL AND WHAT THE AGENCY
12 PROPOSED TO PROVIDE AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH
13 THE R.F.P. THE INTERNAL REVIEW...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHAT'S THE CONFLICT?

16

17 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC COMPLAINT THAT
18 THERE WAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THAT I KNOW OF, AND WE DID
19 NOT LOOK AT THAT SPECIFIC ISSUE.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT'S THE OTHER ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED? I MEAN,
22 YOU GOT TO BE AUDITING FOR SOMETHING.

23

24 **CHUCK HENRY:** THERE WAS AN ISSUE-- SUPERVISOR, THERE WAS AN
25 ISSUE-- THERE ALSO WAS AN ISSUE, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE



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1 INDICATED, OF AN EXTENSION OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WAS ALSO
2 REVIEWED, BOTH BY D.H.S. AND BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND THERE WAS AN ISSUE OF THE THOUSAND
5 POINTS THAT EVERYBODY FOUND UNUSUAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
6 OFFICE OF O.A.P.P. I MEAN-- SO, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT WE'VE
7 ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO REVIEW AND THAT WAS THE
8 ESSENCE OF THE MOTION. NOW, THE REASON YOU'RE IN THIS POSITION
9 TODAY IS BECAUSE IT WAS DELAYED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WHAT THE AUDITOR IS LOOKING AT?

12

13 **MARIA:** WE ARE REVIEWING THE SCORING OF THE THOUSAND POINTS,
14 YES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT SPECIFICALLY IS WHAT YOU'RE REVIEWING?

17

18 **MARIA:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOU TWO WEEKS TO DO THAT?

21

22 **MARIA:** WE MAY BE ABLE TO FINISH IT...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IF ANOTHER BISON COMES ALONG ON YOU? THEN
25 WHAT HAPPENS?



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1

2 **MARIA:** WE ARE GOING TO REVIEW WHAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED AND WILL
3 BE DONE BY NOVEMBER 30TH.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WERE YOU FIRST REQUESTED TO DO THIS AUDIT?

6

7 **MARIA:** I DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN WE-- DO WE KNOW WHEN THEY...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE CAN GET THE DATE. IT WAS SEVERAL
12 MONTHS AGO.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COUPLE MONTHS AGO OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I
17 MEAN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO. SO HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'LL
20 BE DONE ON THE 30TH?

21

22 **MARIA:** WE'LL DO OUR BEST.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THIS IS VERY DISCOURAGING. I MEAN, WE HAVE
25 A PROCESS IN PLACE. WE TRY AND HONOR THE PROCESS AND I THINK



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1 WHAT'S BEING DESTROYED HERE IS THE MORALE OF MANY OF THESE
2 ORGANIZATIONS. THE ONE THAT I TALKED TO WAS PARTICULARLY
3 DISCOURAGED BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME. AND
4 THEY'RE WONDERING. AND THEY HAVE STAFF THAT THEY HAVE TO KEEP
5 ON STAFF, THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR. THESE ARE NONPROFIT
6 ORGANIZATIONS. THEY'RE PEOPLE THAT ARE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE
7 THEY DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THIS KIND OF WORK
8 AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE DOING IT. THIS IS CREATING AN AWFUL
9 LOT OF DISCOURAGEMENT OUT THERE, AND I THINK THAT'S WHY-- MY
10 MOTION SAYS VERY CLEARLY THAT THEY SHOULD ANNOUNCE THE
11 RECIPIENTS AND THEN THEY SHOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF STARTING
12 THE-- ANNOUNCE IT AND STARTING THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, I
13 GUESS, SO THAT YOU CAN BE READY. DO YOU THINK THAT, WITH ALL
14 OF THIS, FROM NOVEMBER THE 30TH TO DECEMBER THE 14TH, YOU'LL
15 BE ABLE TO HAVE THOSE CONTRACTS IN PLACE?

16

17 **MR. HENRY:** WELL, AS DR. SCHUNHOFF INDICATED, SUPERVISOR, MY
18 STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING TO PUT THOSE TOGETHER BASED ON THE
19 PROPOSALS AND THE SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS WE FORWARDED ON
20 SEPTEMBER 3RD TO THE BOARD OFFICES. SO WE BELIEVE, WITH THE
21 DELEGATED AUTHORITY, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THOSE CONTRACTS
22 IN PLACE WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND DOES THIS GIVE YOU THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY
25 THAT YOU NEED?



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2 **MR. HENRY:** I BELIEVE, WITH MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, WITH MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION, THAT GIVES YOU
5 THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY? AND THEN AGAIN, ON NOVEMBER 30TH, IF
6 YOU FIND FLAWS IN THE R.F.P. PROCESS, THAT STILL GIVES YOU THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE PROCESS AT THAT POINT IN TIME, COME
8 BACK AND ALERT US THAT THERE WERE FLAWS AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE
9 TO GO OUT AND COME UP WITH A SECONDARY ASPECT AS TO HOW WE
10 WOULD APPROACH THIS, CORRECT? INSTEAD OF JUST SAYING FAIT
11 ACCOMPLI THAT WE WERE GOING TO ISSUE A NEW R.F.P. IS THAT
12 CORRECT, MISS AUDITOR?

13

14 **MARIA:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS. ALL RIGHT. THEN I WOULD ACCEPT MR.
17 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION BUT I THINK, MS. BURKE, IT WOULD BE
18 PREMATURE TO MOVE FORWARD AND CREATE THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE
19 A DELAY. I WOULD RATHER, IF THEY HAVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY,
20 TO FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE AUDITOR COME
21 BACK TO US AND, AT THAT POINT IN TIME, WE CAN STOP THAT
22 AUTHORITY AND HAVE IT ALL COME BACK AND FIND OUT WHAT WE NEED
23 TO RESOLVE.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AS LONG AS WE'RE SURE THAT WE WILL KNOW ABOUT IT
2 AND WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME SO THAT WE CAN EXTEND THESE CONTRACTS,
3 AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH EXTENDING THEM BECAUSE
4 THE MONEY'S DIFFERENT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WE WILL. WE WILL. I WOULD RATHER NOT TRY
7 AND CREATE ANY KIND OF ALARMS OUT THERE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GO
8 OUT TO R.F.P. AGAIN. I WOULD RATHER THAT WE MOVE FORWARD AS IS
9 WITH THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY SO THAT WE CAN GET EVERYTHING
10 COMPLETED AND DONE. AND IF THERE'S SOMETHING THAT IS JUST SO
11 FLAWED WITH THIS R.F.P. PROCESS, THAT YOU ALERT US AS QUICKLY
12 AS POSSIBLE AND DO NOT LET ANYTHING TAKE YOU AWAY FROM GETTING
13 THIS DONE.

14

15 **MARIA:** WE WILL DO.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM 62-C, THEN, IS BEFORE US AS
20 AMENDED.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT...

23



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY-- OR MOVED
2 BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP
6 61, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ITEM, YOUR MOTION. I THINK IT'S
7 YOUR MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DURING THE BUDGET?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. I THINK IT WAS BEING HELD FOR A
12 REPORT.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS. ITEM
15 61 RESPONDS TO, I BELIEVE IT WAS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION IN
16 SEPTEMBER TO RETURN WITH THE COST OF ADDING 45 NEW PROSECUTORS
17 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE COST FOR THE CURRENT
18 YEAR IS APPROXIMATELY \$2.5 MILLION, 5 MILLION ONGOING. YOU DO
19 HAVE TWO AND A HALF MILLION AVAILABLE IN P.F.U FOR THE
20 TRANSFER AND I AM RECOMMENDING THAT YOU DO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE GET SOMEBODY FROM THE D.A.'S OFFICE
23 UP HERE?

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH, BILL IS HERE, MANGAN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE C.A.O. A QUESTION. HAVE YOU
3 LOOKED AT WHETHER THERE'S GOING TO BE AN IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC
4 DEFENDER'S OFFICE ON THIS?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THAT BUT THERE WELL
7 COULD BE ANY TIME YOU ADD PROSECUTORS. IF THEY'RE IN CRIMINAL,
8 THERE COULD BE AN IMPACT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND PROBATION, ALSO.

11

12 **BILL MANGAN, D.A.'s OFFICE:** COULD I RESPOND TO THAT ONE?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE DID NOT LOOK AT THAT POINT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION, ZEV, FOR
17 BILL?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO, IF MS. BURKE IS FINISHED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
22 THE IMPACT WILL BE ON THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PROBATION AND,
23 ALSO, DOES THIS INCLUDE SUPPORT STAFF OR IS THERE ADDITIONAL
24 MOTION...

25



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1 **BILL MANGAN:** NO, MA'AM. THIS IS THE QUESTION FOR-- TO HIRE
2 ATTORNEYS ONLY, 45 ADDITIONAL. I'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO YOUR
3 OBSERVATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
4 OR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. OUR REQUEST IS IN RESPONSE TO THE
5 FACT THAT, IN THE PRECEDING THREE YEARS, WE HAD OUR BUDGET
6 REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL CONDITION IN THE STATE AND
7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO FINANCE THEIR DEPARTMENT. DURING
8 THAT TIME, CONCURRENT, I THINK THE C.A.O. COULD TELL YOU THAT
9 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE DID NOT SUFFER ANY REDUCTION
10 BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MAKE GOOD BUSINESS SENSE TO REDUCE THE
11 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. IF THEY'RE NOT AVAILABLE, THEN IT
12 MERELY FALLS BACK ON THE INDIGENT DEFENSE ACCOUNT AND THE
13 COUNTY ENDS UP PAYING FOR THE COST ANYWAY. SO, DURING THAT
14 TIME, THAT PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT DID NOT SUFFER ANY REDUCTIONS
15 DUE TO THE BUDGET PROBLEMS, WHEREAS OUR DEPARTMENT SUFFERED
16 CONSIDERABLE LOSSES. WE'RE DOWN ABOUT 140 PROFESSIONAL
17 ATTORNEY PROSECUTORS. IN THAT THE SITUATION IS BECOMING A
18 LITTLE BETTER STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY, WE'VE ASKED THAT THE
19 BOARD ASSIST US IN GETTING A JUMPSTART ON RECOVERING. WE COULD
20 HIRE SOME ON OUR OWN THROUGH OUR NORMAL ATTRITION BUT WE'D
21 LIKE THIS EXTRA BOOST OF NET COUNTY COSTS TO OUR BUDGET AT THE
22 PRESENT TIME AND CONTINUING INTO FOLLOWING YEARS SO THAT WE
23 CAN GET BACK UP TO A POSITION WHERE WE CAN HANDLE OUR
24 INCREASING WORKLOAD. DURING THE TIME THAT WE'VE LOST 140
25 ATTORNEYS, OUR WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED BY 13.4%. WE NOW ARE



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1 PROCESSING OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND FELONY CASES ANNUALLY;

2 WHEREAS WE HAD 89,000 WHEN THIS PROCESS STARTED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING NONE OF THESE DEPUTIES
5 WILL DO CODE ENFORCEMENT.

6

7 **BILL MANGAN:** NO, MA'AM. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** IS YOUR OFFICE WILLING TO AGREE FOR THE COUNTY
10 COUNSEL TO TAKE ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT? AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
11 IT TAKES SOME KIND OF AN AUTHORIZATION OR ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE-
12 - OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE IN ORDER TO ASSIGN TO THE
13 COUNTY COUNSEL THE RIGHT TO PROCEED WITH CIVIL CODE
14 ENFORCEMENT. IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **BILL MANGAN:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
17 OFFICE HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY-- DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM THE
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEPUTY'S COUNTY COUNSEL
19 TO ACT IN THE CRIMINAL CASES, DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACT AS
20 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS. MR. COOLEY HAS DECLINED TO EXTEND
21 THAT AUTHORITY, FOR VARIOUS REASONS THAT ARE PRIMARILY LEGAL
22 RATHER THAN, YOU KNOW, CASE ORIENTED. I BELIEVE THAT THE
23 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PURSUE
24 CIVILLY, BUT I UNDERSTAND IT'S A MUCH MORE COMPLEX PROCESS.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MUCH WHAT?

2

3 **BILL MANGAN:** MUCH MORE COMPLEX PROCESS THAN A CRIMINAL
4 VIOLATION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT TAKES THE D.A. TO DO IT, THERE'S NO ONE
7 ELSE WHO CAN GIVE THAT AUTHORITY, IS THAT IT?

8

9 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, OUR DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO PROSECUTE ANY
10 CASES THAT ARE PRESENTED TO ANY OF OUR BRANCH AND AREA OFFICES
11 BY ANY AGENCY THAT HAS A CODE VIOLATION. WE HAVE MADE THAT
12 VERY CLEAR. THAT, IF A CASE IS PREPARED AND INVESTIGATED AND
13 READY FOR FILING, WE WILL FILE AND PROSECUTE THE CASES IN OUR
14 BRANCH COURTS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO DO THE
17 INVESTIGATION, IS THAT IT? YOU'RE NOT PREPARED TO DO THE
18 INVESTIGATION IN-HOUSE?

19

20 **BILL MANGAN:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THE D.A. WOULD NOT DO THE
21 INVESTIGATIONS. I THINK HE WOULD TELL YOU THAT HE WOULD NEED
22 SOME FUNDING AND SOME POSITIONS TO DO IT. MY PERSONAL FEELING,
23 IN LOOKING AT THIS WHOLE PROBLEM, IS THAT'S THE ISSUE. IT'S
24 THE QUALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE REALLY THE STUMBLING
25 BLOCK TO THE EFFECTIVE HANDLING OF THESE CASES BECAUSE I



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1 FRANKLY DON'T THINK THE ATTORNEYS WANT TO HANDLE THEM BECAUSE
2 THEY'RE AFRAID OF THE DOWNSIDE AND THE LIABILITY THAT COULD
3 OCCUR IF THEY'RE INCORRECT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I COULDN'T HEAR THE LAST PART. YOU SWALLOWED
6 YOUR LAST FEW WORDS. YOUR CONCERN IS WHAT?

7

8 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, I THINK THAT-- I THINK THAT THE QUALITY OF
9 THE CASE INVESTIGATIONS, AS PRESENTED BY REGULATORY AGENCY, IS
10 NOT UP TO A PAR WHERE A CONVICTION COULD BE SUSTAINED AND IT
11 EXPOSES THE COUNTY TO THE POTENTIAL FOR CIVIL RECOURSE. THAT
12 IS, I BELIEVE, THE HEART OF THE ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO-- I'M SORRY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW MANY ATTORNEYS WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO
17 PROVIDE THIS-- WELL, PROSECUTION IS NUMBER ONE. AND HOW MANY
18 INVESTIGATORS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE INVESTIGATION OF THE
19 LEVEL OF WHERE YOU COULD GET CIVIL-- I'M SORRY, CRIMINAL
20 PROSECUTION?

21

22 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, LET ME PREFACE IT WITH A STATEMENT THAT
23 YOU'RE PUTTING ME OUT ON A LIMB HERE BECAUSE IT IS THE POLICY
24 OF MY DEPARTMENT HEAD NOT TO DO THIS JOB AT ALL WITHOUT
25 APPROPRIATE FINANCING. WHEN HE FIRST CAME INTO OFFICE IN HIS



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1 FIRST YEAR, HE DID MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD FOR A
2 FULLY FUNDED CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT THAT WOULD REQUIRE
3 PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS AND ATTORNEYS. AND I BELIEVE IT WAS
4 IN THE NATURE OF ABOUT A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS A YEAR. I
5 DON'T REMEMBER.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD YOU GET US BACK AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT IT WOULD
8 TAKE IN TERMS OF DEPUTIES AND INVESTIGATORS TO MOVE FORWARD
9 WITH THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION?

10

11 **BILL MANGAN:** YES, MA'AM, WE COULD PROVIDE THAT IMMEDIATELY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HERE'S THE WAY I SEE THIS. AND IT'S NOT A
18 REFLECTION ON YOUR BOSS BECAUSE THIS TRANSCENDS THIS
19 ADMINISTRATION AND THE PREVIOUS ONE, TOO. WE'VE HAD A LACK OF
20 SATISFACTION SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE COMPARED TO WHAT I HAD IN
21 THE CITY IN TERMS OF CODE ENFORCEMENT, WHICH WAS NOT A PRETTY
22 PICTURE, EITHER. IT MADE THE CITY LOOK LIKE ALBERT EINSTEIN
23 COMPARED TO WHAT HAPPENED HERE. AND I UNDERSTAND WHY. I
24 UNDERSTAND WHY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF
25 THIS COUNTY, WITH ALL OF THE ISSUES FACING THE DISTRICT



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1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FELONY PROSECUTIONS, CONSPIRACIES, PUBLIC
2 INTEGRITY, THE WHOLE NINE YARDS, THAT, WHEN SOME JERK OUT IN
3 THE BOONDOCKS HAS VIOLATED THE BUILDING CODE AND DISRUPTED A
4 COUPLE OF NEIGHBORS, THAT THIS IS JUST NOT GOING TO BE A HIGH
5 ITEM ON THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PRIORITY LIST. I UNDERSTAND
6 THAT. I MEAN, I COULD PROSECUTE A MURDERER OR YOU'VE GOT
7 PROSECUTE MR. "X" WHO HAS BUILT AN ILLEGAL BRIDGE OVER A CREEK
8 OR WHO HAS BUILT A BUILDING THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE-- OR IS
9 BUILDING A BUILDING THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE HEIGHT LIMIT
10 THAT'S ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ZONING CODE OR WHATEVER IT
11 IS, IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO FALL ON THE PRIORITY LIST. NOW, I
12 HAVE ACCEPTED THAT AS PART OF THE CULTURE OF THIS PLACE AND
13 THE SOLUTION TO THAT, A NUMBER OF US STAFFS HAVE BEEN TALKING
14 ABOUT HOW DO YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, BECAUSE YOUR OFFICE'S
15 POSITION HAS BEEN-- I DON'T RECALL AND I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE
16 ACCURATE THAT YOU DID PROPOSE A CODE ENFORCEMENT, IT WAS
17 PROBABLY IN A LONG LITANY OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF THAT YOU
18 ASKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AGO...

19

20 **BILL MANGAN:** IT WAS AN UNMET NEEDS LIST, YES, SIR, IT WAS A
21 LONG LIST.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I-- I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING SINCE. AND
24 ALL I'VE HEARD FROM THE OFFICE IS THAT-- YOUR OFFICE IS THAT
25 THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO-- YOU



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1 DON'T WANT TO-- OUT OF THIS FIVE-- OR TWO AND A HALF MILLION
2 NOW, BUT WHEN IT WAS FIVE, WHEN YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MATCH IT,
3 WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A \$5 MILLION APPROPRIATION MID-
4 YEAR, IT WASN'T GOING TO BE-- NONE OF THEM WERE GOING TO BE
5 USED FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT. AND SO YOU'RE DENYING US THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME CODE ENFORCED-- RATIONING OF CODE
7 ENFORCEMENT THROUGH YOUR OFFICE, WHICH IS FAIR ENOUGH. BUT
8 THEN THE-- WHAT I WOULD HOPE WOULD HAPPEN WAS THAT YOU WOULD
9 SIGN-- YOU WOULD GRANT THE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
10 DO IT. THEY'RE PREPARED TO DO IT. BUT YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU
11 DON'T THINK THEY'RE UP TO PAR. THAT'S WHAT I THINK I HEARD YOU
12 SAY, IS THAT THEIR STANDARDS-- THEY DON'T MEET THE STANDARDS
13 THAT YOU-- PARDON? YEAH. THEY DON'T MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE
14 PROSECUTORIAL...

15

16 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, IT'S UNFORTUNATE IF THAT'S THE SENSE THAT
17 YOU GOT OUT OF MY COMMENT. I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY
18 COUNSEL'S OFFICE BEING NOT UP TO PAR. I THINK THAT WHAT I SAID
19 WAS THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE BY REGULATORY
20 AGENCIES [INDISCERNIBLE]...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT, I APOLOGIZE.

23

24 **BILL MANGAN:** ...ARE NOT UP TO PAR.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APOLOGIZE. BUT WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO
2 DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE REGULATORY AGENCIES. WE'RE
3 ASKING YOU TO DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL SO
4 THAT THEY CAN PROSECUTE THESE CASES WHICH, TO YOU, ARE TRIVIAL
5 THINGS, AND I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WOULD BE, BECAUSE OF THE
6 AGENDA YOU GUYS HAVE. BUT TO US AND TO THE PEOPLE WE
7 REPRESENT, ARE NOT TRIVIAL AT ALL.

8

9 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, I'D LIKE TO CORRECT THAT IMPRESSION, TOO.
10 I'VE NEVER HEARD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAY THAT THE CASES
11 AREN'T IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO PROSECUTE. WHAT HE HAS SAID IS HE'S
12 MORE THAN WILLING TO PROSECUTE THE CASES IF THEY'RE BROUGHT TO
13 A BRANCH OFFICE AS OPPOSED TO HAVING A SPECIALIZED FUNCTIONAL
14 BUREAU THAT CONCENTRATES SOLELY ON THAT MISSION. HE WANTS
15 THOSE CASES TO BE BROUGHT IN WITH THE GENERAL MIX OF OTHER
16 TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT COME INTO THE OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT HE'S ALSO ASKING FOR FUNDING FOR
19 THAT AND...

20

21 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, IF HE'S BEEN-- YES, SIR. IN THE
22 ALTERNATIVE, IF HE IS ASKED TO CREATE A SPECIAL-- SPECIALIZED
23 FUNCTIONAL UNIT THAT DOES NOTHING BUT THAT, THERE ARE TWO
24 REQUIREMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, HE WANTS SOME SUFFICIENT FUNDING
25 AND HE WANTS IT TO BE OF A LARGE ENOUGH SCOPE THAT IT CAN



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1 FUNCTION COUNTYWIDE AND WE WON'T BE PUT IN THE POSITION WHERE
2 WE WERE BEFORE WHERE WE ONLY HAD TWO PEOPLE WHO WERE
3 ATTEMPTING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO FIVE OFFICES AND COUNTYWIDE...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE SAYING AND I THINK
6 BEYOND WHAT YOU'RE...

7

8 **BILL MANGAN:** THERE'S NO HESITANCY TO DO THE JOB...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THERE'S NO HESITANCY TO DO IT AS LONG AS
11 WE SHOWER YOU WITH MONEY AND MORE MONEY THAN WE HAVE. SO, IN
12 THE ALTERNATIVE, WHAT I WOULD-- I WAS LOOKING TO SEE, COMMON
13 SENSE WOULD DICTATE, WE DON'T NEED A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
14 WHO WANTS TO BE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION SYSTEM, I MIGHT
15 ADD, TO GO OUT AND PROSECUTE BUILDING AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS.
16 WE CAN DO THAT WITH RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL ATTORNEYS WHO ARE ON
17 THE CIVILIAN SIDE IF YOU DELEGATE IT TO THEM AND YOU SET A SET
18 OF STANDARDS AND HOWEVER YOU WANT TO DO IT. WORK WITH US ON
19 THAT AND WE CAN SOLVE THAT PROBLEM. WE CAN DO IT LESS
20 EXPENSIVELY AND MORE RESPONSIVELY, WHICH IS EVEN MORE
21 IMPORTANT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW THAN THE EXPENSE, IS MORE
22 RESPONSIVELY THROUGH THEIR OFFICE. BUT YOU'RE TELLING US, AND
23 THIS IS THE WAY I SEE IT, THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SET ASIDE
24 ANY OF THIS MONEY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND WE'D HAVE TO GO TO
25 TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BEFORE WE GOT TO THE LEVEL OF



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1 PRIORITY THAT CODE ENFORCEMENT IS FOR YOUR OFFICE. AND WHAT I
2 WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT YOU WOULD JUST DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY
3 AND SET THE STANDARDS THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO THE COUNTY
4 COUNSEL SO THAT THEY CAN HIRE OR USE THE PEOPLE THEY HAVE TO
5 GO OUT AND DO THE KIND OF CODE ENFORCEMENT THAT WE REQUIRE.
6 AND WHAT I'M...

7

8 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, I'LL CERTAINLY TAKE THAT MESSAGE BACK. I
9 DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE THAT...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. I'M
12 JUST SHARING AND I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE IT BACK. BUT I'LL TELL
13 YOU THIS, THAT I'M INCLINED TO SUPPORT THIS APPROPRIATION
14 BECAUSE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS MADE A CASE...

15

16 **BILL MANGAN:** I DON'T THINK HE'S CLOSED THE DOOR TO SOME OF
17 THESE THINGS, SUPERVISOR...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I'M NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT UNTIL I
20 UNDERSTAND THERE'S A RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE WE
21 DON'T HAVE, AS A BOARD-- HE'S INDEPENDENT, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE
22 IT ANY OTHER WAY, HE'S INDEPENDENT AND HE'S ENTITLED TO MANAGE
23 HIS OFFICE AS HE SEES FIT, PURSUANT TO THE LAW. BUT WE NEED TO
24 HAVE SOME ASSURANCE, AS WELL, THAT OUR CONCERNS, WHICH ARE OUR
25 PUBLIC'S CONCERNS AND IT'S IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN THIS COUNTY,



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1 FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER, THEY'RE ALSO BEING ADDRESSED. AND
2 THE INTELLIGENT WAY TO DO IT, BILL, JUST TAKE THIS BACK TO
3 YOUR BOSS, I THINK THE INTELLIGENT WAY TO DO IT IS DON'T YOU
4 BE WORRIED ABOUT IT. YOU'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY
5 ABOUT. LET THEM DO IT. AND IF IT SCREWS UP, IF THERE'S A
6 PROBLEM, WE'LL REASSESS IT. THERE'S NO-- BUT LET'S BE WILLING
7 TO TAKE A CHANCE.

8

9 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, I'M JUST WONDERING IF THERE ISN'T ANOTHER
10 SOLUTION THAT WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF IN THE WAY TO CARRY ON
11 THESE CASES AND LITIGATE THEM WITHOUT THE CROSS DESIGNATION
12 AND I DON'T THINK MR. FORTNER HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
13 INTO THIS WITH MR. COOLEY YET AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK YOU OUGHT
14 TO LET THOSE TWO OFFICERS TAKE A LOOK AT THIS AND SEE IF THEY
15 CAN COME UP WITH THAT SOLUTION OR AN ALTERNATIVE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT WOULD TAKE YOU TO
18 DO THAT? DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DO IT BY NEXT WEEK?

19

20 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF WE COULD DO IT BY NEXT
21 WEEK. I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT THIS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD
22 REQUEST TO ASSIST US IN HIRING SHOULD GET CLOUDED BY THAT
23 ISSUE, IN MY OPINION, SIR. I THINK THAT-- I BELIEVE THERE'S A
24 SOLUTION TO THIS AND I THINK PART OF IT IS INVESTIGATIVE
25 RESOURCES, NOT JUST ATTORNEY AUTHORITY. THAT'S MY ANALYSIS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAME HERE NOT
5 KNOWING ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

6

7 **BILL MANGAN:** OH, I KNEW ABOUT IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF YOU KNOW ABOUT, THEN YOU KNOW WE'RE
10 PRETTY ANGRY ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T GET THESE CASES
11 PROSECUTED AND THAT WE'VE BEEN ASKING THE SAME THING NOW FOR
12 10 YEARS!

13

14 **BILL MANGAN:** I WAS AWARE OF THE...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHEN SOMEBODY ASKED, IS
17 SOME OF THIS MONEY GOING TO BE USED TO DO THAT? AND YOU SAID
18 NO. I MEAN, I'M NOT SATISFIED.

19

20 **BILL MANGAN:** CAN I OFFER THIS IN RESPONSE...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU ASKED FOR DELEGATED-- WE ASKED FOR DELEGATED
23 AUTHORITY AND YOU SAID NO. SO NOW I'M SAYING-- AND WE CAN'T
24 TELL HIM WHAT TO DO, ALL WE CAN DO IS CONTROL THE BUDGET, SO
25 I'M NOT SAYING-- I'M NOT WILLING TO GIVE YOU A NICKEL UNTIL



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1 YOU TELL ME HOW I CAN GET IT DONE! THESE ARE QUALITY OF LIFE
2 ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY, SIR.

3

4 **BILL MANGAN:** OH, I UNDERSTAND EXACTLY. I CAME FROM...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND.

7

8 **BILL MANGAN:** OH, MA'AM, I CAME FROM A COMMUNITY-BASED
9 ORIENTATION WORKING FOR SHERMAN BLOCK FOR MANY YEARS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEN YOU KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN
12 DENIED WHEN I WANT TO PROSECUTE THOSE CASES OUT THERE AND
13 THEY'RE ALWAYS DENIED BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION ISN'T THOROUGH
14 AND COMPLETE AND YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO WIN AND YOU
15 GOT BIGGER FISH TO FRY AND I RESPECT AND UNDERSTAND THAT.

16

17 **BILL MANGAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY...

18

19 **>SUP. MOLINA:** WHY CAN'T WE HAVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY?

20

21 **BILL MANGAN:** ...IF I COULD, ON TWO POINTS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY CAN'T I HAVE THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY?

24



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1 **BILL MANGAN:** WELL, MR. COOLEY IS DEFINITELY, AS FAR AS I KNOW,
2 SAID THAT HE'S NOT WILLING AT THIS TIME TO CONSIDER THE
3 DELEGATED AUTHORITY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN WOULD IT BE A GOOD TIME?

6

7 **BILL MANGAN:** BUT HE HAS TOLD ME THAT, AS HIS DEPARTMENT GETS
8 WELL IN TERMS OF STAFFING, THAT HE WOULD, YOU KNOW, RECONSIDER
9 SOME OF THESE THINGS. BUT HE'S JUST DEPLETED TO THE POINT
10 WHERE, EVEN IF HE WANTED TO, HE DOESN'T FEEL THAT HE COULD
11 ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, MEMBERS, I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING THIS AT
14 ALL. HERE, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT WAS PUT ON
15 THE TABLE. WE HAD ALREADY FUNDED THESE POSITIONS, FUNDED THE
16 RESPONSIBILITY HERE. WE'VE ASKED AND WE WERE WILLING TO
17 NEGOTIATE SOME ADDITIONAL DOLLARS. I THOUGHT THERE WAS GOING
18 TO BE SOME COOPERATION HERE. I'M NOT PREPARED TO DO IT. LET'S
19 CONTINUE THIS ITEM AND SEE IF THE COUNTY COUNSEL CAN WORK WITH
20 THE D.A. AND COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF A PROCESS, WHETHER IT
21 COULD BE SOME DELEGATED-- OKAY, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CALL IT
22 "DELEGATED", SOME WAY THAT WE CAN GET THESE CASES TO COME TO
23 THE-- AND RISE TO THE SAME LEVEL AS SOME OF THE MAJOR CRIMINAL
24 INVESTIGATIONS THAT YOU'RE DOING. WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY
25 FROM THAT AND WE WANT TO SUPPLEMENT THE STAFF WORK IN ORDER TO



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1 GET THAT DONE BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE TO DISMISS
2 THESE ISSUES WHICH ARE AS SIGNIFICANT, IN SOME COMMUNITIES, AS
3 ANYTHING ELSE. SO I'M NOT PREPARED TO DO IT. I WOULD CONTINUE
4 THIS ITEM FOR THREE WEEKS AND SEE IF WE CAN GET THE DISTRICT
5 ATTORNEY TO WORK WITH US ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I DON'T KNOW
6 ABOUT THE OTHER MEMBERS. I WAS WILLING TO GIVE THEM A PORTION
7 OF THESE DOLLARS SO THEY COULD HIRE THE STAFF TO PROSECUTE THE
8 BIG GUYS BUT THE REALITY IS WE WANT THESE ISSUES ADDRESSED. WE
9 CAN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO IT. I JUST-- IT DOESN'T MAKE
10 SENSE TO ME. THEY'RE INSIGNIFICANT ISSUES TO YOU, CONSIDERING
11 THE WORK THAT YOU DO, BUT VERY SIGNIFICANT TO SOME OF US AND
12 TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WE REPRESENT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE'S A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE ITEM
15 THREE WEEKS. IS THERE A SECOND? OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D ENTERTAIN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, I WOULD, TOO. I'D ENTERTAIN TWO WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE INTENT IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO COME UP
22 WITH SOME KIND OF A PROPOSAL...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE TRY ONE WEEK?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THEY CAN MEET IN A WEEK.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE HE SAID HE COULDN'T DO IT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** HE CAN'T DO IT IN A WEEK AND HE NEEDS TO HAVE A
6 BUDGET OF HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST, HOW MANY DEPUTIES, HOW MANY
7 INVESTIGATORS OR HOW THEY CAN ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
8 COUNTY COUNSEL. IT CAN BE ONE OR THE OTHER. YOU CAN JUST
9 ARRIVE AT IT WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND WE'LL DEAL WITH THE
10 COUNTY COUNSEL IN TERMS OF WHAT HIS NEEDS ARE TO CARRY IT OUT
11 OR YOU CAN COME UP WITH A BUDGET OF EXACTLY HOW MUCH AND HOW
12 MANY INVESTIGATORS IT WOULD TAKE TO ASSURE THAT YOU HAVE A
13 GOOD PROSECUTION. CAN YOU DO THAT IN TWO WEEKS?

14

15 **BILL MANGAN:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE'S A MOTION AND A SECOND. WE
20 ALSO-- I THINK GENEVIEVE IS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON 61, THE D.A.
21 ITEM. IS THAT CORRECT? OR DO YOU HAVE...

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU KNOW, MR. CHAIR, IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR THE
24 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO THINK ABOUT THE BOARD IN ITS MUNICIPALITY
25 CAPACITY FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. ANY CITY CAN HIRE A CITY



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1 ATTORNEY AND DO PROSECUTIONS AND THEY DO. IT'S JUST THE
2 OVERLAP BETWEEN THE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND YOUR
3 MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAVE GOT US LOCKED INTO HAVING
4 TO USE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. YOU ARE
5 THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A MILLION PEOPLE. YOU OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO
6 HIRE AN ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE CODE ENFORCEMENT JUST THE WAY
7 EVERY OTHER CITY IN THIS COUNTY DOES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY CAN'T COUNTY COUNSEL ALLOW THAT
10 OPPORTUNITY TO PROSECUTE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE D.A. HAS TO DO THAT.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT APPROACH IT FROM THE RIGHT MINDSET, IT
19 SEEMS TO ME, THAT THIS IS...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN WITH THE DISTRICT
22 ATTORNEY AND WORK OUT A PROTOCOL WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION IS.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION IS.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME BUT WHY
4 HAVEN'T WE EXERCISED THAT...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'VE TRIED TO BE COOPERATIVE WITH THE D.A. WE
7 REALLY HAVE.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO-- I'M WONDERING
10 IF WE COULD DO LEGISLATION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IF YOU NEED LEGISLATION, PERHAPS YOU--
15 DEVELOP A PROTOCOL THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE LEGISLATION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT'D HAVE TO BE STATE LEGISLATION, IS THAT
18 IT?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. GENEVIEVE?

21

22 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
23 I AGREE WITH MR. DAVID JANSSEN, IT WOULD BE NICE TO LOOK MORE
24 HOW THE COOPERATION COULD WORK. ANYWAY, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
25 CONCERNED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET DEPENDS OF YOUR



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1 DECISION. AS HE'S ALSO THE PERSON WHO IS SUPPOSED TO IMPLEMENT
2 DEALING WITH YOUR MISBEHAVIOR WHEN YOU MISBEHAVE, ESPECIALLY
3 WHEN IT COMES TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT. AND YOU HAVE CONSTANTLY,
4 YOU KNOW, CONSTANTLY VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT. YOU DID AGAIN
5 TODAY TWICE. ON ITEM 62-C, THERE WERE NO DOCUMENTS FOR THE
6 PUBLIC. UNDER THE BROWN ACT, YOU ARE MANDATED TO HAVE ALL THE
7 DOCUMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. AT THE MEETING, ON ITEM
8 21, IS THE SAME THING. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SUPPORT DOCUMENTS
9 ACCESSIBLE AND, YOU KNOW, IT LOOKS LIKE NOW YOU ARE
10 CONTENTIOUS, YOU KNOW, WITH THE BUDGET BECAUSE DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY COOLEY CITED YOU FOR VIOLATING THE BROWN ACT. EVEN
12 SO, HE DID NOT PENALIZE YOU AND YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN
13 PENALIZED. I THINK, YOU KNOW, THOSE THINGS DON'T NEED TO
14 HAPPEN AND I THINK THERE SHOULD BE A WAY WHERE THE DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY'S LIVELIHOOD OF HIS TEAM IS NOT DEPENDENT ON YOUR
16 SAY-SO BECAUSE THAT RESTRICTS HIS POWER TO APPLY THE LAW AND
17 TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MAKE IT HAPPEN AGAIN. TODAY, YOU
18 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT TWICE AND IT SHOULD BE SURE WE SHOULD
19 HAVE THE DOCUMENT. LAST WEEK, YOU VIOLATED IT AGAIN. THAT'S
20 UNACCEPTABLE. AND THE PUBLIC IS NOT GOING TO STAND FOR IT.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ITEM 61 HAS BEEN AROUND A LONG
24 TIME, SO... [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN AROUND ON THIS
2 ONE FOR QUITE AWHILE, SINCE BACK IN SEPTEMBER. OKAY. THE ITEM
3 IS TO CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS, IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND WITH, YOU KNOW, WITH THE CONSENSUS
8 BEING THAT THEY MEET AND COME BACK WITH SOME SOLUTION. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 17, MS. MOLINA HELD IT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 17.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ON ITEM NUMBER 17. L.A. COUNTY HAS
16 INVESTED MULTIMILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN 1997, 1999 AND 2002 FOR
17 THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY. TODAY, WE ARE ASKED TO APPROVE
18 ANOTHER MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE 2004 HEALTH
19 SURVEY. IT IS REASSURING THEY WERE NOT SPENDING COUNTY GENERAL
20 FUND DOLLARS TO CONDUCT THIS SURVEY AND IT'S ADMIRABLE THAT
21 ORGANIZATIONS THAT UTILIZE THE COLLECTION DATA ARE WILLING TO
22 UNDERWRITE THE SURVEY. THE SURVEY COLLECTS POPULATION-BASED
23 DATA THAT ARE INDICATORS ON THE HEALTH STATUS OF COUNTY
24 RESIDENTS. HOWEVER, I HAVE NEVER BEEN REASSURED THAT THE DATA
25 COLLECTED ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR



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1 COUNTY RESIDENTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN FOUR
3 WEEKS WITH A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
4 THE 1997, 1999 AND 2002 L.A. COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY AND AN
5 ANALYSIS OF HOW MANY RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY
6 IMPLEMENTED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS AND WHAT POLICY IMPLICATIONS
7 HAVE FLOWED FROM THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT'S MY MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY DO WITH THE STUFF.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, ITEM 17 IS MOVED WITH THE AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'LL
17 CALL UP 60.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. WHERE'S THE
20 C.A.O.? DO WE PASS OUT OUR AMENDMENT?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THAT, ITEM 58,
23 MOVE RECONSIDERATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, INSTEAD OF
24 REFERRING BACK, IS MOVING TO RECEIVE AND FILE. SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** 58 INSTEAD OF-- GO AHEAD.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** ON 60, I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. 38,000. WITH THAT
6 AMENDMENT, I WOULD MOVE IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. 59-- WAIT A MINUTE.
9 60? ITEM 60, AS AMENDED BY...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ...SUPERVISOR BURKE, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAD.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF LAURA CHAN, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON THURSDAY,
19 NOVEMBER 11TH, AFTER A VERY BRIEF BATTLE WITH STOMACH CANCER.
20 SHE WAS 48 YEARS OLD AND A RESIDENT OF WALNUT. SHE WAS A
21 PARTNER IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM OF LANG, PAN AND CHAN.
22 SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE ASIAN
23 COMMUNITIES IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE WORKED WITH US
24 ON MANY OCCASIONS. SHE HELPED IN MANY COMMUNITY OUTREACH
25 PROGRAMS GEARED TO THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, INCLUDING RECYCLING



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1 PROGRAMS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
2 HER SISTER, LILY WONG, FROM WALNUT AND SHE WILL BE MISSED.
3 THAT WAS VERY SUDDEN. ALSO, AND THIS IS ALL MEMBERS, WE
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY-- I JUST GOT WORD, IN MEMORY OF MARTHA
5 SOLOW, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE WEEKEND. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF
6 DAVID SOLOW, WHO IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
8 SON, MARK AND DAUGHTER, RACHEL AND SON, DAVID. OKAY. I WILL
9 CALL UP ITEM 21, HELD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
10 THE PUBLIC.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG IS THIS-- I HAVE A MOTION ON ANOTHER
13 ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON BECAUSE THERE'S A CITY
14 MEETING AT 3:00.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I MEAN, YOU HELD 21. OKAY. WHAT ITEM
17 IS IT, THEN?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, I HAVE A MOTION WE'RE JUST BRINGING IN
20 RELATIVE TO A BUREAU OF SANITATION ACTION THAT THE CITY OF
21 L.A. IS TAKING THIS AFTERNOON AND I'LL READ THE MOTION. IT'S
22 COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF
23 SANITATION ISSUED A REPORT ON NOVEMBER 12TH RELATIVE TO
24 PROPOSALS FOR DISPOSAL OF TRASH GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY
25 BOUNDARIES. THE REPORT FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON LANDFILLS



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1 OUTSIDE THE CITY OF L.A. AND MAKES ONLY A PASSING REFERENCE TO
2 RECYCLING AND ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES. THE BUREAU OF
3 SANITATION REPORT CONSIDERS FIVE OPTIONS, THE REPORT HAS FIVE
4 OPTIONS, ALL OF WHICH INVOLVE TRUCKING THE CITY TRASH TO
5 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THEY WOULD ADD TO
6 TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE 14, 10, 60 AND 210 FREEWAYS. IT
7 WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON AIR QUALITY IN THE REGION. IT
8 IGNORES ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING RAIL HAUL, AS IS ACTIVELY
9 BEING PURSUED BY THE COUNTY'S SANITATION DISTRICTS, AND
10 IGNORES THE CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO,
11 ANTELOPE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS WHO HAVE URGED THE CITY
12 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES. THE CITY'S JOINT
13 BUDGET AND FINANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
14 COMMITTEE MEETING IS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THIS REPORT.
15 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY STAFF CONVEY THE COUNTY'S
16 CONCERNS. I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD OPPOSE THE CONCLUSIONS OF
17 THE CITY OF L.A.'S BUREAU OF SANITATION REPORT WHICH WOULD
18 HAVE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY,
19 DIRECT STAFF OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COMMUNICATE THIS COUNTY'S
20 POSITION AND DIRECT STAFF TO OFFER TO WORK WITH THE CITY'S
21 BUREAU OF SANITATION TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS,
22 INCLUDING THEIR RAIL HAUL, EXPANDED RECYCLING AND OTHER
23 OPTIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN?



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVEN'T SEEN THE REPORT. I'M NOT-- I'M NOT
5 SURE I CAN INTELLIGENTLY TODAY DECIDE WHETHER TO SUPPORT OR
6 OPPOSE THE REPORT OR NOT TAKE A POSITION, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE
7 WHAT-- MAYBE YOU CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS. THE CITY REPORT,
8 AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WAS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO
9 USING SUNSHINE CANYON, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY CONCERN THAT SOME
10 OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS AS WELL AS MINE HAVE OUT THERE. THEY DID
11 A REPORT, THEY-- I MEAN, I'D HATE TO COME OUT AGAINST AN
12 ALTERNATIVE WHEN I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN THE EVALUATION OF THE
13 ALTERNATIVE. IF YOUR BEEF WITH THE REPORT IS THAT THEY HAVE
14 REJECTED RAIL HAUL, THEN MAYBE YOU CAN, YOU KNOW, MODIFY YOUR
15 MOTION TO SAY THAT WE ENCOURAGE THEM TO LOOK AT RAIL HAUL
16 AGAIN. BUT, I MEAN, THIS HAD TO HAVE BEEN CALENDARED ON THE
17 AGENDA. WHAT-- IS THIS COMING UP TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
18 OF THE CITY COUNCIL? IS THAT WHERE IT IS?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S COMING UP ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT AT 3:00, IT'S NOT. IT MUST BE A
23 COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MUST BE THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL. AND THE
2 ONLY SOLUTIONS THAT THEY'VE PUT IN THEIR REPORT WERE TRUCKING
3 TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY AND IN THE-- THEREFORE
4 MOVE WE DO HAVE THAT THEY CONSIDERED RAIL HAUL TOO REMOTE,
5 WHICH THE SANITATION DISTRICT IS WORKING ON RIGHT NOW.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT YOU'RE ALSO COMING OUT IN
8 OPPOSITION TO THE RECOMMENDATION AND I'M NOT SURE...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, ABSOLUTELY, BECAUSE OF THE...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...IMPACT THAT TRUCKING IT TO THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY OR RIVERSIDE COUNTY WOULD HAVE ON THOSE FREEWAYS, WHICH
16 I MENTIONED, THE 210, THE 60, THE 10 AND THE 14.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW BUT THE PEOPLE, THE TRUCKING NOW THAT
19 GOES TO SUNSHINE CANYON TAKES CAPACITY OFF THE SAME FREEWAYS
20 THAT ARE GOING TO BE USED TO GO THE OTHER DIRECTION. I'M NOT--
21 I DON'T WANT TO GET IN...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S WHY RAIL HAUL IS A VERY VIABLE
24 ALTERNATIVE AND WHY WE'VE BEEN PURSUING THAT AT THE SANITATION
25 DISTRICT AND WHY THE CITY...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN ON THE AGENDA
3 OF THE COMMITTEE?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS JUST CAME OUT NOVEMBER 12TH 12TH SO I
6 CAN'T-- TODAY'S THE 16TH.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO COME TO THE CITY
9 COUNCIL FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, THE WAY THEY WORK OVER THERE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU KNOW THAT COUNCIL COMMITTEES, MANY
12 TIMES, DON'T HAVE THEIR REPORTS AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED WHEN IT
13 COMES BEFORE THE FULL COMMITTEE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I JUST HAVE A CONCERN, MIKE, ABOUT
16 VOTING ON SOMETHING THAT I HAVEN'T READ AND THAT NOBODY IN MY
17 OFFICE HAS READ. AND IT'S NOT A BLACK AND WHITE ISSUE. IT'S
18 NOT JUST THAT SIMPLE AND I'D BE PREPARED, IF YOU WANTED TO
19 MODIFY THIS AND SAY WE HAVE CONCERNS AND WE'RE GOING TO
20 FORWARD-- YOU KNOW, WE'D LIKE A WEEK TO OUTLINE OUR CONCERNS,
21 JUST PUT THEM ON NOTICE THAT WE HAVE CONCERNS AND WE'RE GOING
22 TO RAISE THEM. THAT WOULD BE ONE THING. BUT I'M NOT PREPARED
23 TO-- I HAVEN'T READ THE REPORT. I MEAN, YOU MAY BE ABSOLUTELY
24 RIGHT BUT I JUST DON'T...

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM IS THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS
2 MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW BUT THE COMMITTEE IS THE COMMITTEE,
5 AND THEY MAY MEET TWO OR THREE MORE TIMES ON THE SUBJECT AND
6 THEY COMMITTEE DOESN'T DECIDE ANYTHING, THE COUNCIL DECIDES
7 IT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE COUNCIL DOES NOT ALWAYS HAVE A
10 HUNDRED PERCENT RECORD OF OVERWRITING COMMITTEE...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CAN I MAKE A SUGGESTION HERE? WHY DON'T YOU
13 CHANGE THE MOTION TO ASK THAT OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
14 ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00, EXPRESS
15 THAT WE HAVE POTENTIAL CONCERNS AND BEFORE ANY ACTION TAKEN BY
16 THE COMMITTEE HAPPENS, THAT WE WOULD LIKE OUR OPPORTUNITY TO
17 EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS AND MEET WITH THE BUREAU OF SANITATION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY. ABSOLUTELY. SURE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE PUBLIC WORKS SHOULD ALSO REPORT TO
2 US ON WHAT THEIR FINDINGS ARE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** EXACTLY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY. AND THEY REPORT BACK TO THE
7 BOARD.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE MAKING IT...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT WILL BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'LL BE A SUBSTITUTE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND IT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE THAT SUBSTITUTE.
20 WE FIND URGENCY BECAUSE IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION BECAUSE IT'S
21 A COMMITTEE MEETING.

22

23 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT'S RIGHT, MR. CHAIRMAN.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL
2 SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND THEN, MIKE, YOU HELD ITEM 21 AS
7 WELL AS WE HAVE OTHERS FROM THE PUBLIC. CAN I HAVE THAT STACK?
8 OH, I HAVE IT HERE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE HAVE MR.-- DR. GARTHWAITE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAFF PRESENTATION, THEN WE'LL CALL MEMBERS
13 OF THE PUBLIC UP. BOY, SOME OF THESE NAMES, SEEMS LIKE I JUST
14 SAW LAST NIGHT. OKAY.

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. GOOD AFTERNOON, MR.
17 CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD EVENING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MIKE, YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. YESTERDAY'S MEETING, THERE WERE SOME
24 STATEMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY INDIVIDUALS THAT THERE ARE
25 PHYSICIANS THAT HAVE BEEN RATED INCOMPETENT AT MARTIN LUTHER



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1 KING AND CLINICIANS BUT YET THEY'RE WORKING AT CALIFORNIA
2 HOSPITAL DOING A GOOD JOB. COULD YOU PERHAPS ELABORATE ON
3 THAT?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, WE'VE NEVER-- THE DEPARTMENT HAS NEVER MADE
6 A-- REACHED A CONCLUSION IN ANY WAY ON A GLOBAL BASIS THAT
7 PHYSICIANS OR NURSES WERE INCOMPETENT AT KING. NOW, THERE ARE
8 NURSES AND DOCTORS, INDIVIDUAL DOCTORS, THAT MAY HAVE ISSUES
9 RELATING TO THEIR PERFORMANCE BUT WHETHER THEY ARE THE SAME
10 PHYSICIANS AND NURSES WORKING AT THE OTHER HOSPITALS, I'M NOT
11 AWARE OF WHO THOSE MIGHT BE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. SO IT'S MORE OF A STATEMENT AND NOT
14 FACTUAL, JUST AN ASSUMPTION. THE PUBLIC ALSO HAS STATED THAT
15 MEASURE B WAS TO BE ALLOCATED TO KING DREW HOSPITAL, ARE NOW
16 BEING SHIFTED TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. IS THAT ACCURATE AND
17 COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT QUESTION?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** NO, THERE ARE NO MEASURE B FUNDS BEING DIVERTED OR
20 TAKEN AWAY FROM KING TO FUND CALIFORNIA, NOT-- NO FUNDS IN
21 THAT AREA. WE ARE FUNDING THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT THROUGH
22 DOLLARS THAT WERE UNSPENT AND ALLOCATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR
23 PROGRAMS THAT THEY HAVE NOT NEEDED THE MONEY FOR. SO THAT'S
24 WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM BUT, NO, WE ARE NOT TAKING ANY
25 DOLLARS FROM KING TO FUND CALIFORNIA.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WOULD CALIFORNIA HANDLE THE INFUX OF
3 PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY TRANSPORTED TO KING DREW BY FAMILY AND
4 FRIENDS? OR I SHOULD SAY, HOW WOULD KING DREW HANDLE THOSE
5 TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRANSPORTED BY FAMILY OR FRIENDS?

6

7 **FRED LEAF:** CAROL, YOU MIGHT TAKE THAT ONE.

8

9 **CAROL:** YEAH, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER THAT. EVERY BASIC
10 EMERGENCY ROOM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANY
11 TYPE OF PATIENT THAT COMES TO ITS DOOR. THEY HAVE SURGEONS ON
12 CALL, THEY HAVE SPECIALISTS ON CALL, AND, JUST LIKE PATIENTS
13 END UP AT POMONA VALLEY HOSPITAL OR DANIEL FREEMAN MEMORIAL
14 HOSPITAL, THIS HAPPENS THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM AND IT'S ONLY THE
15 PATIENTS FROM THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM THAT GETS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO A
16 TRAUMA CENTER. SO CALIFORNIA-- SO M.L.K. SHOULD STILL BE ABLE
17 TO, WITH THEIR SURGEONS, TAKE CARE OF THOSE PATIENTS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE
20 NUMBER OF TRAUMA PHYSICIANS AND NURSES TO PROVIDE SUCH TRAUMA
21 CARE FOR THE 1,200 PATIENTS THAT ARE RECEIVED ANNUALLY?

22

23 **CAROL:** YES. WE HAVE MET WITH THEM. WE ALSO HAD THE AMERICAN
24 COLLEGE OF SURGEONS COME OUT AND DO A CONSULTATION WITH
25 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL AND THE E.M.S. AGENCY. THEY REVIEWED THEIR



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1 CALL PANELS AND THEY NOT ONLY FELT IT WAS ADEQUATE, THEY FELT
2 THAT IT MAY ACTUALLY-- THEY MAY ACTUALLY HAVE A FEW TOO MANY
3 GENERAL SURGEONS ON THEIR LIST. SO, AS THEY BECOME
4 IMPLEMENTED, AS THEIR TRAUMA CENTER WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, THEY
5 WILL EVALUATE HOW MANY THEY NEED BUT THE A.C.S. SAID THEY WERE
6 ADEQUATE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DO YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF TRAUMA PHYSICIANS
9 AND NURSES WHO WORK AT THE TRAUMA AT KING WHO WILL NOW BE
10 WORKING AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL?

11

12 **CAROL:** WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME OVERLAPPING GENERAL
13 SURGEONS AND SOME NEUROSURGEONS. WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT
14 NUMBERS AND THAT CHANGES AT ALL TIMES. BUT THERE IS SOME
15 OVERLAP BUT NOT AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT OF OVERLAP THAT CAUSED
16 ANY QUESTION FROM THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A PERCEPTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS
19 TRYING TO CLOSE KING DREW HOSPITAL AND THAT THE COMMUNITY
20 BELIEVES THAT THE CLOSING OF THE TRAUMA CENTER IS THE FIRST
21 STEP. WE WERE INFORMED THAT KING DREW WAS PLACED ON DIVERSION
22 81% OF THE TIME FOR 22 DAYS DUE TO THE NURSE STAFFING
23 PROBLEMS. WHAT HAS THE DEPARTMENT DONE TO RECRUIT CRITICAL
24 CARE NURSES FOR THE HOSPITAL? AND WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE
25 BETWEEN THE RECRUITMENT EFFORTS MADE AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL



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1 AND KING DREW AS IT RELATES TO RECRUITING PHYSICIANS AND
2 NURSES?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, WE CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY RECRUIT FOR
5 PERMANENT NURSES. THEY ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY, AS WE ALL KNOW.
6 HOWEVER, WE HAVE, FORTUNATELY, SINCE THE INCREASED DIVERSION,
7 BEEN ABLE TO STAFF UP SOME OF THE I.C.U. BEDS THAT WERE, AT
8 THAT TIME, NOT STAFFED, WHICH CREATED SOME OF THE PROBLEMS
9 DURING THAT PERIOD. WE'VE STAFFED THEM NOW WITH NEWLY
10 ORIENTED, TEMPORARY STAFF.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL ANTICIPATES STARTING
13 THEIR TRAUMA SERVICES IN DECEMBER. APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY
14 PATIENTS WILL THEY BE ABLE TO SERVE?

15

16 **CAROL:** WE'VE DIVIDED THE CALIFORNIA PROPOSAL INTO TWO PHASES
17 IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP INTO THE PROGRAM.
18 THE INITIAL PHASE WOULD BE ABOUT 600 TO 660 PATIENTS BASED ON
19 HISTORICAL DATA AND THE SECOND PHASE, WHICH WOULD OCCUR IN TWO
20 TO THREE MONTHS, WOULD BE AN INITIAL 600 PATIENTS,
21 APPROXIMATELY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DID IT TAKE TWO AND A HALF YEARS TO
24 NEGOTIATE SUCH A CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL?

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, ACTUALLY, IT DIDN'T TAKE TWO AND A HALF YEARS
2 TO NEGOTIATE. APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THE PROCESS?

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** THEY-- YEAH, THEY MADE THE INITIAL CONTACT AND THE
7 INTEREST IN BECOMING A TRAUMA CENTER AND THEN, AS WE WENT
8 FORWARD, I GUESS WE GOT INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT A YEAR
9 AGO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNLIKE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, WHERE
12 THEY'VE LOST ACCREDITATION IN SURGERY AND RADIOLOGY AND
13 A.C.G.M.E. AND THEY'VE LOST ACCREDITATION BY THE AMERICAN
14 COLLEGE OF SURGEONS AND THEY HAVE HAD UNFAVORABLE
15 INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION THAT MAY RESULT IN THE LOSING OF
16 ACCREDITATION TO ALL RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAMS, HAS ANY OF
17 THIS OCCURRED AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL?

18

19 **CAROL:** WELL, THEY DON'T HAVE A MEDICAL PROGRAM.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. THEY DON'T HAVE THE SAME NUMBER
22 OF TRAINING PROGRAMS. BUT, IN TERMS OF THEIR JOINT COMMISSION
23 ACCREDITATION AND SO FORTH, THEY'RE APPROVED AND THEY WOULD
24 THEN IMMEDIATELY APPLY FOR THE A.C.S. REVIEW.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND C.M.S. HAS NEVER THREATENED THE LOSS OF
2 THEIR MEDI-CAL, MEDICAID FUNDING AS THEY HAVE AT KING DREW?

3

4 **FRED LEAF:** NO.

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THOSE WERE MY QUESTIONS, MR.
9 CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ZEV?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** QUICK QUESTION OF CAROL. YOU HAVE-- IN THE
14 EVENT-- THE ISSUE WAS RAISED YESTERDAY. IN THE EVENT THAT DR.
15 GARTHWAITE'S PROPOSAL IS NOT APPROVED IN TERMS OF CLOSING THE
16 TRAUMA CENTER AT MARTIN LUTHER KING OR IF IT'S DELAYED
17 INDEFINITELY OR WHATEVER WOULD HAPPEN, WHAT IS-- AND YOU HAVE
18 ARRANGED THE BOUNDARIES TO-- IT WAS DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, YOU
19 ARRANGED THE BOUNDARIES TO DEAL WITH THE EVENTUALITY THAT
20 TRAUMA WOULD BE CLOSED AT KING. DO YOU HAVE A SET OF
21 BOUNDARIES FOR THE EVENTUALITY THAT THE TRAUMA WOULD NOT BE
22 CLOSED AT KING?

23

24 **CAROL:** YES, WE DO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT?

2

3 **CAROL:** WELL, THE INITIAL PHASE OF CALIFORNIA'S TRAUMA CENTER
4 IMPLEMENTATION ACTUALLY IS PRIMARILY COMING OUT OF
5 L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER'S CURRENT TRAUMA AREA. SO IT'S
6 THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA OF L.A.C./U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND
7 ACTUALLY...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT COMMUNITY WOULD THAT BE, ROUGHLY
10 SPEAKING? PICO UNION?

11

12 **CAROL:** IT'S OLYMPIC BOULEVARD DOWN TO SLAUSON AND IT WOULD
13 ALSO BE CENTRAL ON THE EASTERN SIDE OVER TO CRENSHAW. THAT'S
14 PHASE I. THE SECOND PHASE THAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THEM AT
15 THIS TIME WOULD BE FROM SLAUSON DOWN TO CENTURY WITH THE SAME
16 BOUNDARIES, ALAMEDA ON THE EAST AND CRENSHAW ON THE WEST.
17 SHOULD M.L.K. STAY INTO THE SYSTEM, THOSE ADDITIONAL
18 BOUNDARIES COULD BE CHANGED TO THE EAST, PARTICULARLY, AND
19 ALSO YOU MIGHT RECALL THAT WE MOVED SOME OF THE COMPTON AREA
20 PATIENTS DOWN TO HARBOR IN FEBRUARY, SOME PATIENTS TO U.C.L.A.
21 FROM THE WESTERN BORDER. THOSE COULD ALL BE ADJUSTED BACK IF
22 M.L.K. STAYS IN THE SYSTEM.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN FACT, WHEN THE COMPTON FIRE CHIEF AND
25 SOME OF THE FOLKS FROM COMPTON WHO TESTIFIED YESTERDAY ABOUT



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1 THE TRAUMA CASES, MOST OF THEM HAD BEEN TREATED AT HARBOR,
2 WEREN'T THEY, AT LEAST SINCE FEBRUARY?

3

4 **CAROL:** YEAH, SINCE FEBRUARY, THE MAJORITY OF COMPTON PATIENTS
5 HAVE GONE TO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. WE HAVE HAD NO REPORTED ADVERSE
6 EVENTS, NO REPORTED SENTINEL EVENTS AND HE DID NOT MENTION
7 THAT YESTERDAY, THAT THERE WAS ANY PROBLEM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. DID YOU-- SO YOU HAVE TWO SETS OF
10 BOUNDARIES, ONE WITH KING IN THE SYSTEM AND ONE WITH KING NOT
11 IN THE SYSTEM. IS THAT CORRECT?

12

13 **CAROL:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST QUESTION I HAVE OF DR. GARTHWAITE AND
16 CAROL AS WELL, CAROL MEYER AS WELL, WHETHER OR NOT KING IS IN
17 THE TRAUMA NETWORK IS THE ADDITION OF CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, IN
18 YOUR JUDGMENT, A POSITIVE EVENT FOR TRAUMA CARE IN THE COUNTY
19 OF LOS ANGELES?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WOULD SAY ABSOLUTELY YES. CLEARLY,
22 WE'VE LOST MANY TRAUMA CENTERS. THE STABILITY OF HOSPITALS IN
23 THE DOWNTOWN AREA, EITHER IN OR AROUND THE AREAS OF HIGHEST
24 UN-INSURANCE IS CERTAINLY IN QUESTION, YOU KNOW. THE HOSPITALS
25 HAVING THE MOST TROUBLE ARE THE ONES RUNNING ACTIVE EMERGENCY



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1 ROOMS IN THE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT DON'T
2 HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. CERTAINLY CALIFORNIA'S LOCATION
3 QUALIFIES FOR THAT AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO STABILIZE THEM
4 BOTH AS EMERGENCY ROOMS, AS TRAUMA CENTERS AND AS HOSPITALS IS
5 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL CARE IN LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME A NEW TRAUMA CENTER
9 OPENED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY? DO ANY OF YOU KNOW?

10

11 **CAROL:** THAT CAME INTO THE SYSTEM?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

14

15 **CAROL:** SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL CAME INTO THE SYSTEM NINE YEARS
16 AGO. SAINT FRANCIS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NINE YEARS AGO.

19

20 **CAROL:** NINE YEARS AGO, YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IN THE INTERIM PERIOD, DID WE ALSO LOSE
23 TRAUMA...

24



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1 **CAROL:** WE LOST WESTLAKE AS A RURAL TRAUMA CENTER AND THAT WAS
2 JUST BEFORE SAINT FRANCIS CAME INTO THE SYSTEM AND THEY STILL
3 DON'T REALLY HAVE...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE HAD A NET
6 INCREASE, AS THIS WOULD, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, WOULD
7 PORTEND, A NET INCREASE FROM 13 TO 14 TRAUMA CENTERS, WHEN WAS
8 THE LAST TIME WE HAD A NET INCREASE IN TRAUMA CENTERS IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY?

10

11 **CAROL:** WELL, WESTLAKE DROPPED OUT AND, SHORTLY AFTER THAT,
12 SAINT FRANCIS...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, SO THAT WAS A WASH.

15

16 **CAROL:** ...CAME IN SO THAT WAS SORT OF A WASH. AND THE LOSSES
17 WERE IN THE '80S. THE SIGNIFICANT LOSSES WERE IN THE '80S.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE HAVEN'T HAD A NET INCREASE IN 15 TO 20
20 YEARS.

21

22 **CAROL:** NO.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, ASSUMING WE DON'T
25 LOSE ANY OF THE OTHERS.



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1

2 **CAROL:** A NET INCREASE, YES.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WHY IS CALIFORNIA COMING IN AS LEVEL TWO?

9

10 **CAROL:** BECAUSE, IN ORDER TO BE A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA CENTER, YOU
11 HAVE TO HAVE A RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM AND YOU HAVE TO DO
12 RESEARCH. SO THAT THE LEVEL ONE CENTERS ARE INTENDED,
13 ACCORDING TO STATE REGULATIONS AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
14 SURGEONS, AS BEING THE TEACHING HOSPITALS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A
15 SURGICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM. CALIFORNIA, LIKE MANY OF THE
16 PRIVATE HOSPITALS, DO NOT HAVE-- DOES NOT HAVE THAT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** DO THEY HAVE ANY RESIDENT PROGRAMS THERE?

19

20 **CAROL:** THEY HAVE ROTATIONS THROUGH THEIR HOSPITAL BUT THEY
21 DON'T HAVE THEIR OWN RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** HAVE THEY INDICATED A MINIMUM NUMBER OF PATIENTS
24 THEY WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN THE TRAUMA
25 NETWORK? I KNOW THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN ENTRY NUMBER BUT



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1 WHAT IS THE NUMBER THAT THEY HAVE ESTIMATED THAT THEY WOULD
2 HAVE TO RECEIVE IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE VIABLE FOR THEM?

3

4 **CAROL:** THEY'VE ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 1,200 PATIENTS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THOSE 1,200 PATIENTS, WOULD THEY BE AVAILABLE-
7 - I KNOW YOU'VE GIVEN US A SCENARIO WITH KING OPERATING FOR
8 THE 1,200 BUT THEN YOU HAVE TO-- THEY WOULD GO ALL THE WAY TO
9 U.C.L.A. OR WHERE WOULD THOSE PATIENTS COME FROM? IF THEY
10 REQUIRE 1,200, WHERE WOULD YOU, IN PHASE 2, GET THOSE 1,200 IF
11 KING WAS OPERATING?

12

13 **CAROL:** RIGHT. MOST LIKELY, THEY WOULD COME FROM PART OF
14 L.A.C.-U.S.C.'S AREA AND WE WOULD HAVE TO ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT
15 DISCUSSING WITH SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL WHAT IS GOING ON WITH
16 THEM. SO WE'VE LOOKED AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS AND SORT OF--
17 YOU KNOW, IT SORT OF DEPENDS UPON WHAT WE FEEL THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT CAN HANDLE AS WELL AS WHAT WE WANT TO DO WITH
19 U.S.C., WHICH IS ALSO VERY, VERY INUNDATED WITH TRAUMA
20 PATIENTS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF
23 DIVERSION AND SAINT FRANCIS ALSO GOES ON DIVERSION FROM TIME
24 TO TIME, DOESN'T IT?

25



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1 **CAROL:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** ABOUT WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TIME? WELL, SAY FOR
4 THE LAST 30 DAYS, WHAT HAS IT BEEN, ABOUT?

5

6 **CAROL:** SAINT FRANCIS HAS BEEN ON DIVERSION FOR APPROXIMATELY
7 FIVE HOURS, THREE OR FOUR DAYS AND LESS THAN 30 MINUTES OR
8 APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES FOR ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND U.S.C.?

11

12 **CAROL:** NO DIVERSION IN THE LAST DAYS THAT M.L.K.'S BEEN ON
13 DIVERSION AND HARBOR HAS NOT HAD A SINGLE MINUTE OF DIVERSION.
14 AND IT'S IMPORTANT ALSO TO UNDERSTAND THAT, WHEN A COUNTY--
15 CURRENT POLICY STATES THAT, WHEN A COUNTY HOSPITAL GOES ON
16 TRAUMA DIVERSION, THE TRAUMA PATIENTS GO TO THE NEXT COUNTY
17 HOSPITAL. SO HARBOR AND U.S.C. WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST
18 SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED AND THEY WERE NOT ON DIVERSION ANY
19 HOURS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE-- I REALLY WANT TO GO BACK INTO THE
22 DIVERSION LATER IN TERMS OF WHO CALLS IT AND WHO AUTHORIZES
23 IT, MAYBE AT THIS TIME, IF NO ONE MINDS. FIRST OF ALL AND I
24 WANT TO REALLY TALK ABOUT THE KING DIVERSION, BECAUSE WHEN-- I
25 DID RECEIVE A CALL FROM CALIFORNIA THAT THEY WERE UNDER THE



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1 IMPRESSION THAT KING WAS UNDER-- NOT-- THEY DIDN'T SAY
2 DIVERSION, A TEMPORARY CLOSURE AND THAT THE PATIENTS WERE
3 COMING THERE TO THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM. NOW, AS A RESULT-- AND
4 THIS WAS OCTOBER 13TH. I CALLED THE DEPARTMENT AND I WAS TOLD
5 THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DIVERSION AT KING BUT KING WAS BACK
6 ONLINE AND THAT THERE WAS NO FURTHER DIVERSION WAS GOING TO
7 TAKE PLACE. IN LOOKING AT THE LIST OF DIVERSIONS THAT I
8 RECEIVED, THERE HAD BEEN CALLS CONSTANTLY OF PEOPLE WHO WERE
9 REQUESTING DIVERSION AND I WANT TO GET STRAIGHT EXACTLY THE
10 PROCEDURE AND HOW YOU GO INTO DIVERSION, WHO CAN MAKE THAT
11 CALL AND IS ANY NURSE ALLOWED TO PUT IT ON DIVERSION OR WHO
12 HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR DIVERSION?

13

14 **CAROL:** ALL RIGHT. DIVERSION IS A REQUEST, FIRST OF ALL. THE
15 HOSPITAL-- NO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSES. IN ORDER TO HAVE
16 A BASIC EMERGENCY ROOM, YOU HAVE TO BE OPEN ALL THE TIME. AND
17 AMBULATORY PATIENTS STILL COME AND GO WHEN A HOSPITAL REQUESTS
18 DIVERSION. OKAY? FIRST OF ALL. THEN THE HOSPITAL, IN
19 CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE MEDICAL AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF,
20 LOOKING AT THE CAPABILITY AND THE CAPACITY OF THE HOSPITAL,
21 DECIDES JOINTLY TO PLACE THEMSELVES ON DIVERSION AND THERE ARE
22 MULTIPLE TYPES OF DIVERSION. THERE'S E.R. DIVERSION,
23 SATURATION, THERE'S TRAUMA, CAT SCAN BROKE DOWN, ET CETERA.
24 THEY GO INTO A COMPUTER THAT'S A MICROWAVE COMPUTER RADIO
25 SYSTEM AND THE HOSPITAL ENTERS THEIR DIVERSION IN REALTIME.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER THAT INTO THE
3 SYSTEM?

4

5 **CAROL:** BY POLICY, EACH HOSPITAL DECIDES WHO ENTERS IT INTO THE
6 SYSTEM AND IT HAS TO INDICATE AN ADMINISTRATION-- THE
7 ADMINISTRATOR'S NAME AND, AT M.L.K., THEY'VE ALSO ASKED THAT A
8 PHYSICIAN REPRESENTING THE TRAUMA SERVICE ENTER THEIR NAME.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

11

12 **CAROL:** OKAY. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE PARAMEDICS IN THE FIELD
13 IMMEDIATELY EITHER LOOK AT A RADIO SYSTEM THAT'S SIMILAR OR
14 THEY CONTACT THEIR BASE STATION WHEN THEY HAVE A PATIENT THAT
15 WOULD GO TO A CERTAIN HOSPITAL. IN THIS CASE, M.L.K. IF THE
16 BASE STATION LOOKS AT THIS READY NET SYSTEM AND SAYS "M.L.K.
17 IS ON TRAUMA DIVERSION, GO TO THE NEXT HOSPITAL," THEN THE
18 PARAMEDICS WILL DECIDE TO EITHER GO TO HARBOR OR TO U.S.C.,
19 DEPENDING UPON WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. NOW, IF EVERYBODY'S ON
20 DIVERSION IN THAT AREA, THEN THEY GO TO THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL,
21 BECAUSE DIVERSION IS NOT AN ABSOLUTE. SO THE PARAMEDICS MAKE
22 THAT DECISION IN REALTIME WITH THE PATIENT THAT THEY HAVE IN
23 THE FIELD, BASED ON DATA THAT'S ENTERED BY THE INDIVIDUAL
24 HOSPITAL.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN DID KING MAKE THE DETERMINATION THAT A
2 PHYSICIAN AS WELL AS AN ADMINISTRATOR HAD TO SIGN-- OR HAD TO
3 BE AUTHORIZED, AUTHORIZE DIVERSION?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** THAT WAS PROBABLY ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO.

6

7 **CAROL:** RIGHT, WHEN THE TELEMETRY...

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT, WHEN THE TELEMETRY UNIT WAS BEING DEALT
10 WITH.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WAS IT WHEN THEY WENT TO LEVEL TWO OR WAS IT
13 BEFORE THAT?

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** IT WAS BEFORE THAT.

16

17 **CAROL:** IT WAS BEFORE THAT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS BEFORE THEY-- THEY MOVED TO LEVEL TWO
20 JUNE...

21

22 **FRED LEAF:** IN JULY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** JULY OF 2004?

25



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1 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IT WAS PRIOR TO JUNE OR JULY AND IT WAS ABOUT
4 THE TIME THE TELEMETRY...

5

6 **CAROL:** YEAH, IN CONSULTATION WITH US.

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** YES. THERE WERE SATURATION PROBLEMS OCCURRING AND
9 SO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAD A-- FIRST OF ALL, THAT
10 THEY CALLED-- THAT THEY CONSULTED PROPERLY WHEN THEY CALLED A
11 DIVERSION AND, SECONDLY, THAT THEY WERE TRACKING THE
12 SATURATION LEVELS TO MAKE SURE THEY DIVERTED AS SOON AS THEY
13 FOUND IT NECESSARY TO AND THAT THEY WOULD GET, YOU KNOW, WE
14 ESTABLISHED A VERY RESPONSIVE NETWORK BETWEEN CAROL-- OFFICE,
15 THE MAC, AND THE HOSPITAL TO EFFECT THOSE DIVERSIONS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL COME BACK TO THAT LATER. I WANT TO
18 HEAR FROM SOME OTHER PEOPLE AND THEN...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP.
21 I JUST THINK THAT THE INTERESTING PART OF THE PROCESS HERE IS,
22 UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WITHOUT THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF
23 KING, WE'D BE WELCOMING A HOSPITAL INTO THE TRAUMA NETWORK
24 BECAUSE WE DEFINITELY NEED IT. FIRST OF ALL, MAXINE WATERS,



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1 THE HONORABLE MAXINE WATERS, MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS. SENATOR
2 GILBERT CEDILLO AND CAPTAIN WILLIAM WELLS.

3

4 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** GOOD MORNING.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

7

8 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO BEGIN
9 MY REMARKS BY THANKING ALL OF YOU FOR THE HEARING THAT YOU HAD
10 LAST EVENING AT KING DREW MAGNET SCHOOL AT 120TH AND COMPTON
11 AND FOR THE TIME THAT YOU SPENT. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE ENJOYED IT.

14

15 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** I'M SURE YOU DID. [LAUGHTER]

16

17 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** I COULD SEE THE JOY ON YOUR FACE! [
18 LAUGHTER]

19

20 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** BUT I TRULY DO APPRECIATE IT. YOU WERE
21 THERE, I THINK, PAST 9:30 AND I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY GOT A
22 LITTLE TIRED BUT I THINK IT WAS WORTH IT. AND I THINK YOU SAW
23 THE ANGUISH AND THE PAIN COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY. AND,
24 DESPITE THE FACT THAT PERHAPS SOME DECISIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN
25 MADE, I KNOW THAT YOU COULD NOT HELP BUT COME AWAY WITH THE



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1 SENSE THAT THE COMMUNITY REALLY, REALLY WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE
2 THAT TRAUMA CENTER CLOSED. I WANT TO SAY, AT THE TOP OF MY
3 REMARKS, WE'RE NOT OPPOSED TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL HAVING A
4 TRAUMA CENTER AT ALL. WE BELIEVE THAT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL
5 SHOULD HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER, BEING THEY'RE CLOSE TO THE
6 DOWNTOWN AREA. DOWNTOWN IS BEING DEVELOPED. YOU HAVE
7 EVERYTHING FROM THE NEW DISNEY CONCERT HALL TO THE CATHEDRAL
8 TO MORE CONDOS, RESTAURANTS AND SO WE THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE A
9 TRAUMA CENTER THERE. WE ARE OPPOSED TO TAKING THE PATIENTS
10 FROM M.L.K. TRAUMA CENTER TO DIVERT OVER TO THE CALIFORNIA
11 HOSPITAL TRAUMA CENTER AND LOSING OUR TRAUMA CENTER. WE THINK
12 YOU SHOULD HAVE BOTH. SO WE ARE NOT OPPOSED AT ALL... [
13 APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** ...AND THAT SHOULD BE CLEAR. AND I'M
16 VERY WORRIED THAT, WITH THIS POTENTIAL DECISION TODAY, THAT
17 THE DOLLARS THAT ARE INVOLVED WOULD ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY,
18 EVEN IF YOU CONSIDERED IT, OF KEEPING THAT TRAUMA CENTER OPEN.
19 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT APPROVING THE REALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE
20 OF UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 3.3 MILLION IN MEASURE B TRAUMA PROPERTY
21 ASSESSMENT FUNDING, WHERE DOES THAT COME FROM? WHERE ARE YOU
22 REALLOCATING THAT FROM? IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO
23 ADD ANOTHER 20%, UP TO 664,000 FROM COUNTY MONEY. WHERE DOES
24 THAT MONEY COME FROM? AND, IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU'RE GOING
25 TO ALLOCATE 1.9 MILLION IN MEASURE B TRAUMA, PROPERTY



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1 ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004/'05, AND THIS
2 YEAR'S ALMOST OVER. SO THIS IS BASICALLY FOR ONE YEAR, ALL OF
3 THIS MONEY. DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU'RE TAKING SOME OF THE
4 MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT AT KING WHEN YOU CLOSE DOWN
5 OR YOU DIVERT? WHERE DOES THAT MONEY COME FROM? THAT BOTHERS
6 ME AND I WONDER IF IT LOCKS YOU IN TO A DECISION THAT YOU'RE
7 NOT ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY
8 OF KEEPING THE TRAUMA CENTER OPEN. I'M NOT GOING TO REVISIT
9 ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT YOU HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT LAST NIGHT, THE
10 CONCERN ABOUT THE TRAVEL TIME, THE CONCERN ABOUT THE LOSS OF
11 LIFE. I'M NOT GOING TO EVEN TALK ABOUT MEASURE B AND, YES, WE
12 DID HAVE AN EXPECTATION THAT, WITH OUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR
13 MEASURE B, THAT WE WOULD HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER AND, WHEN YOU
14 READ THE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 3 OF MEASURE B, IT DOES SAY THAT
15 THAT MONEY, NEW TAX DOLLARS WOULD BE USED TO MAINTAIN, EXPAND
16 AND SUPPORT ALL OF THE TRAUMA CENTERS. AND SO WE HAD NO IDEA
17 THAT WE WOULD LOSE OUR TRAUMA CENTER. SO, HAVING SAID THAT,
18 I'M HOPEFUL THAT THERE'S SOME WAY THAT YOU COULD POSSIBLY
19 PERHAPS THINK THIS THROUGH A LITTLE BIT LONGER, PERHAPS NOT
20 MAKE THIS DECISION TODAY, NOT SAYING THAT NOT MAKING THE
21 DECISION MEANS THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA
22 HOSPITAL. SUPPORT IT AND PUT A TRAUMA CENTER THERE BUT IS
23 THERE SOME WAY THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH REVENUE, ENOUGH
24 RESOURCES TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE TRAUMA CENTER THERE
25 THAT'S SO DESPERATELY NEEDED? I COULD TELL YOU THE DIFFERENCE



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1 BETWEEN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED HERE TODAY ABOUT THE DROP-OFFS AT
2 MARTIN LUTHER KING AND DROP-OFFS IN OTHER AREA BUT, OF COURSE,
3 THEY DID NOT PRESENT YOU WITH ANY NUMBERS. THEY DID NOT TALK
4 ABOUT DROP-OFFS OTHER THAN THE AMBULANCES THEMSELVES. I WOULD
5 DARE SAY THAT THE NUMBERS ARE A LOT HIGHER AT MARTIN LUTHER
6 KING HOSPITAL. AND SO, WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO DISCONTINUE ANY
7 MORE COMMENTS, BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE IF THERE WAS SOME
8 EXPLANATION OF THE ALLOCATIONS AND THE REVENUE AND WHERE IT'S
9 COMING FROM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, CONGRESSWOMAN. DAVID, CAN YOU
12 REPLY TO THE ISSUE OF THE DOLLARS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE
13 BEING DIVERTED FROM KING OR WHERE THE DOLLARS ARE ACTUALLY
14 COMING FROM?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. ON THE SPECIFIC
17 ALLOCATION OF THE DOLLARS, FRED CAN ANSWER THAT BUT THERE IS
18 NO MONEY BEING TRANSFERRED FROM KING TO CALIFORNIA, NO MONEY
19 THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE NO MONEY NEXT YEAR. I THINK MANY
20 PEOPLE STATED LAST NIGHT, IRONICALLY ENOUGH, MONEY IS NOT THE
21 ISSUE AT KING. MONEY IS NOT THE ISSUE AT KING. SO THERE IS NO
22 MONEY BEING TRANSFERRED.

23

24 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE MONEY IS COMING OUT OF MEASURE B FUNDS
2 AND...

3

4 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** UNALLOCATED... [INTERJECTIONS FROM THE
5 AUDIENCE]

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT ALL OF THE MEASURE B FUNDS HAVE BEEN
8 EXPENDED.

9

10 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT ALL OF THE MEASURE B FUNDS HAVE BEEN
13 EXPENDED COUNTYWIDE.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALLOCATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH, NOT SPENT...

16

17 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** BUT WHEN YOU REALLOCATE, IT MEANS THAT
18 IT WAS ALLOCATED SOMEPLACE.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** PUBLIC HEALTH.

21

22 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** AND THAT EITHER THAT MONEY WENT UNSPENT
23 OR YOU'RE TAKING IT FROM SOMEWHERE TO REALLOCATE IT AND THAT'S
24 WHAT I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT. WHERE IS IT...

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WENT UNSPENT.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUBLIC HEALTH.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WAS NOT SPENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH. THEY DID
6 NOT SPEND THEIR ALLOCATION.

7

8 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** NOW, AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT, EVEN
9 THOUGH KING WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN AND YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TO
10 SPEND TRAUMA DOLLARS ON KING, THAT SOMEHOW THE MONEY THAT YOU
11 WOULD SPEND ON KING DOES NOT GET USED SOMEPLACE ELSE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AT KING. LET ME-- MAY I ASK YOU THIS? FIRST OF
14 ALL, KING, AS A COUNTY HOSPITAL, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEASURE B
15 FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY AS WELL AS TRAUMA.

16

17 **FRED LEAF:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY, IT'S BOTH EMERGENCY
18 AND TRAUMA.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT'S NOT TRUE OF A PRIVATE HOSPITAL, IS THAT
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED. IN THE COUNTY
24 SYSTEM, IT PAYS FOR BOTH EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA IN THE PRIVATE
25 SYSTEMS WHERE, I MEAN, THE NON-COUNTY, IT'S...



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, CAN A NON-COUNTY HOSPITAL RECEIVE MEASURE B
3 FOR EMERGENCY?

4

5 **FRED LEAF:** I DON'T RECALL THE CLAUSE THERE THAT'S REFERENCED
6 FOR THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** ONLY FOR TRAUMA.

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** ONLY FOR TRAUMA? OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE-- BUT A COUNTY HOSPITAL CAN TRANSFER ITS
13 TRAUMA MONEY TO EMERGENCY. IS THAT-- OR IS IT A DIFFERENT...

14

15 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ...POT?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** NO, IT'S THE SAME POT, IT'S JUST ALLOCATED BASED ON
20 COSTS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THE FUNDS THAT ARE TRAUMA MONIES NOW GOING TO
23 KING, ARE YOU COMMITTING THOSE TO-- IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS
24 NOT A TRAUMA CENTER THERE, ARE THOSE FUNDS BEING COMMITTED TO
25 KING FOR EMERGENCY? OR WHERE ARE THEY BEING COMMITTED?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** THEY'RE BEING-- ALL CURRENT MEASURE B FUNDS
3 ALLOCATED TO KING WILL STAY AT KING AND WILL BE USED TO OFFSET
4 THEIR EMERGENCY COSTS AND, IN ALL OF OUR FACILITIES, THE
5 EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA COSTS FAR EXCEED, REALLY, YOU KNOW, THE
6 AVAILABLE MEASURE B.

7

8 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** DOES KING, SUPERVISOR, GET COUNTY MONEY
9 IN ADDITION TO THE MEASURE B MONEY?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU MEAN FOR TRAUMA OR THE HOSPITAL?

12

13 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** FOR TRAUMA.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES WHO GET IT?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** KING.

18

19 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** KING BECAUSE YOU'RE ALLOCATING MONEY
20 ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THEY HAD TO BEFORE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO
23 MEASURE B.

24



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1 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** THE FIRST PLACE IS THIS. WE'RE NOT--
2 NOBODY'S GIVING US DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND, YOU KNOW, IN BUDGETING,
3 TO SIMPLY SAY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A BIG POT OF MONEY AND
4 JUST MOVE IT FROM TRAUMA TO EMERGENCY, WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER
5 OR NOT THAT MONEY IS NEEDED AND IT'S NOT LINE ITEMED OUT, IS
6 JUST KIND OF A VERY DIFFICULT THING TO UNDERSTAND. AND,
7 SECONDLY, ARE YOU GIVING THEM COUNTY MONEY NOW AS YOU'RE
8 PROPOSING TO DO WITH CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL? IF SO, HOW MUCH IS
9 THAT FOR THE TRAUMA CENTER, WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT MONEY?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED. HOWEVER,
12 OBVIOUSLY, BEFORE MEASURE B, THERE WAS A TRAUMA CENTER AT KING
13 AND THOSE FUNDS WERE COMING FROM COUNTY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
14 AND STATE. BECAUSE, BEFORE MEASURE B...

15

16 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** DO THEY GET COUNTY MONEY NOW FOR
17 TRAUMA?

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** AT MARTIN LUTHER KING?

20

21 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** YES.

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THEY DO.

24

25 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** HOW MUCH MONEY?



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2 **FRED LEAF:** THE COSTS THROUGHOUT THE HOSPITAL. YOU KNOW, TRAUMA
3 COSTS ARE NOT ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INITIAL STABILIZATION
4 IN THE TRAUMA CENTER BUT-- IN THE TRAUMA UNIT BUT ALSO THE
5 COSTS...

6

7 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** NO, BUT YOU'RE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT
8 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THAT YOU'RE
9 GOING TO GIVE THEM AND COUNTY MONEY ABOVE AND BEYOND THE
10 REALLOCATED MONEY AND THE MEASURE B ALLOCATION, YOU'RE VERY
11 SPECIFIC ABOUT THAT. IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU'RE VERY SPECIFIC
12 ABOUT WHAT I THINK IS A TRANSFER AMOUNT WHILE THEY ARE
13 STABILIZING FOR THE EVENTUAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT THEY'RE
14 GOING TO RECEIVE. THERE'S ANOTHER POT OF MONEY TO HELP THEM
15 ALONG THE WAY BECAUSE IT APPEARS THAT WHAT THEY NEGOTIATED
16 WITH YOU IS THAT THEY CAN ONLY DO THIS IF THEY HAVE "X" NUMBER
17 OF PATIENTS. UNTIL THEY GET THERE, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
18 SUBSIDIZE THAT. HOW MUCH IS THAT AND WHERE DOES THAT COME
19 FROM?

20

21 **FRED LEAF:** NO. THE ONLY-- FIRST OF ALL, LET'S JUST GO BACK TO
22 KING FOR A SECOND. KING HAS A BUDGET AND AN ALLOCATION. THE
23 DOLLARS KING IS ALLOCATED ARE NOT BEING TOUCHED AND THAT WILL
24 BE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGETARY DOCUMENTS THAT CERTAINLY MR.



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1 JANSSEN HAS. THAT WILL SHOW YOU THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING ONE DIME
2 FROM KING TO FUND CALIFORNIA.

3

4 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT MONEY?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE, AUDIENCE. HAVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER
7 CONTROL TODAY THAN WE DID LAST NIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** BUT WHAT YOU NEED TO TELL US, IF I MAY
10 AND I DON'T WANT TO BE PRESUMPTUOUS, WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE
11 GOING TO LEAVE ALL OF THE TRAUMA DOLLARS THERE, I DON'T
12 UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BUDGET ALL OF THE MONEY THAT WAS USED
13 TO SUPPORT A VERY COSTLY TRAUMA CENTER AND NOT TELL US WHAT
14 YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY DID TELL YOU.

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** WELL, THE COSTS TO OPERATE THE EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA
19 CENTER-- TRAUMA OPERATIONS FAR EXCEED AVAILABLE DOLLARS FROM
20 MEASURE B. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FUNDS, THROUGH THE
21 BUDGETARY PROCESS, EACH HOSPITAL'S OPERATION IN A VERY LARGE
22 AMOUNT OF MONEY. SO THOSE DOLLARS, NET COUNTY COSTS, IT'S
23 CALLED, NET COST CONTRIBUTION, WILL REMAIN AT KING AND THOSE
24 ARE THE DOLLARS THAT FUND IT OVER AND ABOVE, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE
25 GET FROM MEASURE B.



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2 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** I WISH I COULD BE SATISFIED BUT I CAN'T
3 ENGAGE YOU FOREVER. I MEAN, THAT'S THE JOB OF THE SUPERVISORS,
4 BUT THAT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY EXPLAIN.

5

6 **>SUP. MOLINA:** [INDECIPHERABLE]

7

8 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** FIRST OF ALL, IT SHOULD BE TALKED ABOUT
9 IN ACTUAL DOLLARS, SUPERVISORS. HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU
10 ALLOCATING FOR KING UNDER MEASURE B AND HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU
11 SPENDING FROM YOUR COUNTY BUDGET?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** WE CAN GIVE YOU BOTH THOSE AMOUNTS.

14

15 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** AND IF YOU HAVE THOSE NUMBERS AND YOU
16 TELL ME THERE'S SOME UNMET NEEDS IN EMERGENCY, HOW MUCH OF THE
17 COUNTY ALLOCATED AND THE MEASURE B MONEY WILL THEN MEET THE
18 EMERGENCY NEEDS? IS IT MORE THAN THEY NEED? IS IT BELOW WHAT
19 THEY NEED? AND SO, UNTIL YOU HAVE THOSE KINDS OF NUMBERS, WHAT
20 YOU SAY JUST DOESN'T-- IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT
21 WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE MONEY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE CAN GET YOU ALL THOSE NUMBERS.
24 AND, FRED, I THINK YOU SHOULD-- MAYBE MAXINE, IF YOU CAN GIVE
25 US A CONTACT NAME.



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2 **FRED LEAF:** WE WILL GET THAT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL GET YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT. IT'S ALL
5 THERE AND-- RATHER THAN TRY TO DO IT BY MEMORY HERE.

6

7 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** WOULD YOU ADD TO THAT HOW MUCH MONEY
8 YOU ARE SPENDING TO STABILIZE THE CALIFORNIA TRAUMA CARE UNTIL
9 THEY GET TO THE NUMBERS THEY NEED TO ACTUALLY UNDERWRITE THE
10 ENTIRE COSTS. IT'S AN EXTRA POT OF MONEY THERE. HOW MUCH IS
11 THAT?

12

13 **FRED LEAF:** THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC IN THE-- IT'S \$420,000.

14

15 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** SO THAT'S \$420,000. WHERE DOES THAT
16 MONEY COME FROM?

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** THAT'S COMING FROM THE DES-- THAT'S COMING FROM OUR
19 DESI-- OUR-- THE DEPARTMENT'S FUND, NOT FROM KING.

20

21 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** DEPARTMENT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** FRED, FRED, FRED, LET'S CLARIFY SOMETHING. IN
24 COUNTY HOSPITALS, MEASURE B MONEY CAN GO FOR A TRAUMA AND
25 EMERGENCY ROOMS.



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2 **FRED LEAF:** YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE CONGRESSWOMAN IS ASKING THE QUESTION, IF
5 MONEY IS GOING TO BE REALLOCATED OUT OF M.L.K. TO GO TO TRAUMA
6 AT CALIFORNIA. YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE, AS I UNDERSTAND, N-O.
7 NO.

8

9 **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT. EXACTLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S SAID THAT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE THAT MONEY IS GOING TO
14 STAY, AS I UNDERSTAND, \$18 MILLION IS GOING TO STAY IN THE
15 EMERGENCY ROOM. THE REALLOCATION OF THE 1.9 MILLION THAT MAY
16 BE REALLOCATED TO CALIFORNIA ONCE IT COMES ONLINE IS FROM
17 PUBLIC HEALTH REALLOCATION.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE CLARITY OF THIS. [INTERJECTIONS FROM
22 THE AUDIENCE]

23

24 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** AND THAT-- THAT-- THAT GETS TO, I
25 THINK, YOU KNOW, ANSWERING THE QUESTION. BUT WHAT I WANT TO



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1 KNOW IS, WHEN YOU TELL ME THAT YOU'RE GOING TO REALLOCATE 18
2 MILLION TO EMERGENCY...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, WE'RE NOT REALLOCATING IT.

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6 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** NO, NO.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOT REALLOCATING IT.

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10 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** IT STAYS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** STAYS.

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14 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** IT STAYS. SO DOES IT MEET THE NEED OR
15 IS IT ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NEED? IF, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU HAVE
16 EMERGENCY ROOM, YOU'RE SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY ON EMERGENCY
17 ROOM SERVICES NOW AND SO MUCH ON TRAUMA. SO IF NOW YOU HAVE A
18 SHORTFALL OF \$5 MILLION, ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US 18 MILLION?
19 OR, IF IT'S 25 MILLION, ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE US 18 AND
20 THERE'S STILL A SHORTFALL? HOW DOES THAT WORK?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NOT A SHORTFALL.

23

24 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** HOW DOES THAT WORK?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE SHORTFALL IS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2 SERVICES SHORTFALL. THE SHORTFALL IS NOT BY THE HOSPITAL.
3 WE'VE ALLOCATED \$13.8 MILLION TO PAY FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT
4 FOR NAVIGANT AND THAT IS SEPARATE AND APART FROM WHATEVER WAS
5 ALLOCATED BEFORE JUST TO PAY FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. SO
6 IT'S NOT BUDGETED THAT WAY. IT ISN'T BUDGETED THAT WAY. WE'RE
7 JUST ANSWERING THE QUESTION ON "B" SO IF WE CAN KEEP AN EYE ON
8 WHAT YOU'RE ASKING AND I'M TRYING TO FOLLOW ALONG...

9

10 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...THAT MONEY IS GOING TO STAY AT MARTIN LUTHER
13 KING HOSPITAL, THE \$18 MILLION THAT IS APPROPRIATED FROM
14 MEASURE B, WILL STAY THERE IN ORDER TO FORTIFY ALL OF THE
15 EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES.

16

17 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** I'M SORRY. YOU MENTIONED A 13 POINT...

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** 2. IT WAS 2, ACTUALLY.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** NAVIGANT MONEY.

22

23 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** NAVIGANT MONEY. WERE YOU MENTIONING
24 THAT IN RELATIONSHIP TO MEASURE B?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT IS NOT MEASURE B MONEY.

2

3 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** OH, THAT'S COUNTY. THAT'S COUNTY MONEY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WAS COUNTY MONEY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, SO THE ISSUE-- YOU'RE JUST-- THE QUESTION
8 ABOUT PROPOSITION B IS THAT IT WILL STAY. NONE OF THAT MONEY
9 IS GOING TO BE MOVED ANYWHERE OUT OF M.L.K. INSTEAD, THE ISSUE
10 HAS BEEN IS THAT WE'VE BEEN PUTTING IN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS,
11 LIKE I SAID, THE NAVIGANT MONEY, THAT COMES OUT OF THE OVERALL
12 HEALTH BUDGET, NOT OUT OF PROP B, IN ORDER TO SUPPLEMENT THE
13 WORK THERE. BUT THAT MONEY IS GOING TO STAY THERE FOR
14 EMERGENCY SERVICES. SO THOSE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL BE
15 SUPPLEMENTED.

16

17 **SENATOR MAXINE WATERS:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL GET IT IN WRITING FOR YOU, TOO,
20 CONGRESSWOMAN. GILBERT? SENATOR?

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22 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** SUPERVISOR. LET ME SAY TO YOU, FIRST
23 OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR LAST NIGHT'S MEETING. YOU DID A PRETTY
24 EXTRAORDINARY JOB, GIVEN THE EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES, THE
25 CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CONTEXT. YOU ACTUALLY DID A VERY, VERY GOOD



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1 JOB AND SO LET ME COMMEND YOU AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR SITTING
2 AND LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE. I AM-- AND THE LEGISLATURE.
3 BETTER THAN THE LEGISLATURE, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** MUCH BETTER THAN THE LEGISLATURE. AND
8 I WILL SAY THIS TO YOU. WHEN THE SUPERVISORS COME TO
9 SACRAMENTO IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO MEET
10 YOUR LEVEL AND IF NOT EXCEED YOUR LEVEL...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT SOUNDS LIKE A REAL COMMITMENT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WILL NOT CALL ANY OF US BY A "B" NAME, RIGHT?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANTED-- I JUST WANTED THREE MINUTES. I
17 SPENT EIGHT HOURS WAITING TO BE HEARD FOR THREE MINUTES.

18

19 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** LET ME WELCOME YOU AND LET ME SAY
20 THAT THE PRO TEM, I AM SURE THAT THE NEW PRO TEM CONCURS WITH
21 ME. YOU KNOW, I'M THE STATE SENATOR FOR DOWNTOWN, I REPRESENT
22 DOWNTOWN, I LIVE DOWNTOWN AND SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE ALL WELCOME AN
23 ENHANCEMENT, AN EMBELLISHMENT OF CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. CLEARLY,
24 DOWNTOWN IS ON THE BOOM, IS GROWING, 8,000 HOUSING UNITS ARE
25 IN LINE. WE HEARD DISNEY AND STAPLES ARE VIBRANT AND SO WE ARE



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1 ALL PART OF CONSTRUCTING AN EFFORT TO CREATE AN URBAN CENTER
2 IN OUR CITY AND SO, AS SUCH, OBVIOUSLY, ALL OF US SUPPORT THE
3 EXPANSION OF TRAUMA SERVICES AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL AND THE
4 HOSPITAL IS A FINE HOSPITAL. I'VE WORKED WITH THEM. THEY
5 HELPED US PROVIDE TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY CLINICS AS WE TRY TO
6 IMPLEMENT THE CEDILLO ALARCON COMMUNITY CLINIC ACT, HELPED US
7 ROLL OUT 50 MILLION THAT TURNED INTO ABOUT AT LEAST HALF A
8 BILLION DOLLARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. SO THEY'RE A FINE
9 INSTITUTION AND SO, OBVIOUSLY, WE WELCOME THE PROSPECTS OF
10 THEM ENHANCING OUR TRAUMA NETWORK. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER
11 REMAINS IS THAT, TO DO THAT AND TO DO THAT TODAY, UNDERMINES
12 AND VIOLATES THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF PROP B. PROP B WAS
13 PASSED AND THE VOTERS AND ELECTORATE WERE TOLD THIS WILL
14 MAINTAIN AND AUGMENT THE TRAUMA NETWORK TO...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACCREDITED TRAUMA NETWORK...

17

18 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** ...TO CLOSE-- TO CLOSE THE-- TO OPEN
19 CALIFORNIA AS AN OVERLAP AND AS A TRANSITION TO CLOSING KING,
20 THE TRAUMA CENTER AT KING, VIOLATES PROP B.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GILL, THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE.

23

24 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE TRUTH.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, IT'S NOT TRUE AND I WANT TO JUST-- LET
2 ME JUST CHALLENGE YOU ON IT, BECAUSE JUST-- I'M NOT GOING TO
3 SIT HERE AND LISTEN TO STATEMENTS THAT ARE JUST NOT-- WE ALL
4 WROTE PROP B. WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS.

5

6 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** I RECOGNIZE THAT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROP B WAS NOT JUST DESIGNED TO PROTECT
9 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, ALTHOUGH IT WAS. IT WAS DESIGNED
10 TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND, AS SOME PEOPLE QUOTED LAST NIGHT...

11

12 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** PRECISELY. PRECISELY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS ADDITION TO THE
15 TRAUMA NETWORK. WHETHER OR NOT MARTIN LUTHER KING'S HOSPITAL
16 TRAUMA REMAINS OPEN, IS AN ADDITION, IS AN EXPANSION OF THE
17 TRAUMA NETWORK. THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT MEASURE B WAS ABOUT.
18 THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT MEASURE B WAS ABOUT. AND WHEN WE WENT
19 OUT AND I WENT OUT TO EVERY COMMUNITY IN THIS COUNTY ASKING
20 THEM TO ASSESS THEMSELVES A PROPERTY TAX, WE PROMISED NOT ONLY
21 A MAINTENANCE BUT THAT WE DO OUR DAMNEDEST TO EXPAND THE
22 SYSTEM. THAT, IF WE COULD, WE'D ADD TRAUMA CENTERS, WE'D ADD
23 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND IT WOULD FREE US UP TO EVEN EXPAND,
24 INDIRECTLY, FREE US UP TO EXPAND PRIMARY CARE IN THE
25 COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTY. THAT'S WHAT WE SOLD AND



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1 GENUINELY SOLD AND HONESTLY SOLD TO THE PEOPLE. AND THIS IS--
2 WE'RE REAPING THE BENEFITS OF THAT MEASURE. THAT'S EXACTLY
3 WHAT IT WAS. AND, AS MR. KNABE SAID EARLIER, IF IT WASN'T FOR
4 THIS ISSUE TODAY, THE FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE, WE'D BE CELE-- AND
5 WE ARE CELEBRATING. I AM CELEBRATING. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE
6 WANTED TO SEE HAPPEN AND THAT'S NUMBER ONE. SECONDLY, THIS--
7 AND I THINK WE'VE TRIED TO MAKE IT UNAMBIGUOUSLY CLEAR AND I
8 WILL SAY IT AGAIN, THAT, WHETHER OR NOT WE ENTER INTO-- THAT--
9 SORRY. ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA MEDICAL
10 CENTER TO GO INTO THE TRAUMA NETWORK HAS ABSOLUTELY NO BEARING
11 ON OUR CAPACITY, FINANCIALLY, TO KEEP THE TRAUMA CENTER AT
12 M.L.K. OPEN, ABSOLUTELY NONE. AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, AS WE'VE
13 SAID BEFORE, THIS IS NOT A MONEY ISSUE AT M.L.K. IT IS NOT A
14 MONEY ISSUE. SO, IF WE CAN FIX IT, WHATEVER THE BOARD DECIDES,
15 WHENEVER IT DECIDES, THERE IS MONEY TO DO IT EITHER WAY. SO
16 THERE SHOULD BE NO CONCERN HERE WHATSOEVER THAT, BY DOING
17 THIS, WE ARE, AS CONGRESSWOMAN WATERS INTIMATED AWHILE AGO,
18 THAT WE ARE SEALING THE FATE OF M.L.K. I WILL SAY AND I'LL ASK
19 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND DR. GARTHWAITE, IF YOU CAN-- WELL,
20 THEY'RE ALL TALKING. HEH. I WILL MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT WE
21 ARE IN-- WE DO NOT JEOPARDIZE OUR ABILITY WHATSOEVER TO REJECT
22 DR. GARTHWAITE'S PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK BY ENTERING INTO THIS
23 AGREEMENT TODAY. WE CAN EITHER REJECT IT, SUPPORT IT, IT WILL
24 HAVE NO IMPACT. THIS DECISION TODAY ON CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE NO
25 IMPACT ON THAT. AND THAT'S A FACT. AND THERE IS PLENTY OF



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1 MONEY TO DO BOTH IF THAT'S WHAT WE CHOSE TO DO. SO, TO RAISE
2 THIS SPECTER, SOME CONSPIRACY THEORY, WHEN MS. BURKE HAS BEEN
3 WORKING ON THIS AND OTHERS ON THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL FOR A
4 LONG TIME, THIS GOES BACK A COUPLE OF YEARS, WE'VE BEEN TRYING
5 TO BEG, BORROW AND STEAL TO GET ANY HOSPITAL BACK INTO OUR
6 TRAUMA SYSTEM. WE FINALLY GOT ONE. AND IT HAS NOTHING
7 WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THIS. IT HAPPENS TO BE COMING UP AT THE
8 SAME WEEK AND THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT, IF WE DO CHOSE TO
9 SUSPEND TRAUMA, THIS WILL HELP MITIGATE IT. BUT THAT'S NOT THE
10 REASON IT'S COMING INTO THE TRAUMA NETWORK. AND IF WE KEEP IT
11 OPEN, WE'LL HAVE 14-- IF WE KEEP M.L.K. OPEN, WE'LL HAVE 14
12 TRAUMA CENTERS, WHICH IS BETTER THAN 13.

13

14 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** WHERE WOULD THEY GET THE PATIENTS
15 FROM, SUPERVISOR? IF YOU KEPT KING OPEN? WHERE WOULD
16 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL GET ITS PATIENTS FROM?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE NEED TO BRING HER BACK?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAROL MEYER CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** WE HAVE SEVERAL PLANS, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE,
23 BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AS THE
24 MANAGER OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY, I HAVE TO MAP THIS OUT AS THE
25 PROCESS GOES AND WE DO THIS THROUGHOUT. THERE ARE CERTAINLY



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1 SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF M.L.K.'S ALREADY-EXISTING AREA. YOU MIGHT
2 RECALL THAT, IN FEBRUARY, WE REALLOCATED MOST OF THE COMPTON
3 AREA TO TRAVEL DOWN TO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND THE WESTERN BORDERS
4 OF M.L.K.'S AREA-- I'M SORRY, I SAID TO CALIFORNIA. I MEAN, OF
5 M.L.K.'S AREA DOWN TO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND THE WESTERN-- THERE
6 WAS A WHOLE CHUNK WEST THAT WENT TO U.C.L.A. SO WE WILL ADJUST
7 THOSE, IN ORDER THAT M.L.K. STAYS IN THE SYSTEM, IF THAT'S
8 WHAT THE DECISION IS.

9

10 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** WELL WHAT IT APPEARS-- AND THE
11 REASON WE RAISE THESE QUESTIONS, IT APPEARS THAT THESE
12 ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING A TRAUMA
13 CENTER AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL AND HAVING A CATCHMENT AREA FOR
14 THEM TO PULL FROM AND, IN DOING THAT, YOU ARE TAKING FROM THE
15 MARTIN LUTHER KING AREA. AND IF YOU GET THE FULL COMPLEMENT,
16 YOU WILL GET ALL OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING AREA.

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, NO.

19

20 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YOU START OUT, IN THE FIRST
21 PHASE, WITH TAKING UP, TO, LIKE, U.S.C...

22

23 **CAROL MEYER:** 600. PRIMARILY GOING INTO U.S.C.'S AREA, THAT'S
24 CORRECT.

25



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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YOU GO UP AND YOU TAKE U.S.C. AND
2 THAT TAKES YOU UP TO SLAUSON, I BELIEVE, IS THAT RIGHT?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** DOWN TO SLAUSON.

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6 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** DOWN TO SLAUSON. WELL, DOWN TO
7 SLAUSON.

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** OLYMPIC DOWN TO SLAUSON.

10

11 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** AND THEN YOUR SECOND, YOUR SECOND
12 PHASE, IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM THE NUMBERS THEY NEED TO MAKE IT
13 FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO RUN THE CENTER, THEN YOU HAVE
14 TO GO SOUTH OF SLAUSON...

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** TO CENTURY.

17

18 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** ...TO CENTURY...

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT BUT WE HAVE ALTERNATIVE PLANS. IF
21 M.L.K. STAYS IN THE SYSTEM, WE WILL GO FURTHER EAST. SO IT
22 DEPENDS UPON WHICH SCENARIO OCCURS. I HAVE TO BE READY, AS THE
23 DIRECTOR OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY, TO HAVE PLANS FOR BOTH
24 SCENARIOS BASED ON WHAT THE BOARD DECIDES.

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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS, EVEN
2 THOUGH WE ALL BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AND COULD BE AND
3 NONE OF US HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THERE BEING A TRAUMA CENTER
4 AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, THE ONLY WAY IT WILL WORK IS FOR YOU
5 TO RECONFIGURE THESE CATCHMENT AREAS AND, UNDER ANY SCENARIO
6 THAT IT WORKS, YOU HAVE TO TAKE FROM SOME OF THE OTHER AREAS.
7 AND I DON'T KNOW WHO IT WOULD BE TAKEN FROM ON THE EAST OF...

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, WE DO HAVE TO TAKE FROM SOME OF THE OTHER
10 AREAS BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR EMERGENCY ROOM
11 SYSTEM IS OVERWHELMED. WE HAVE 20 HOSPITALS THAT HAVE FALLEN
12 OUT OF OUR EMERGENCY ROOM SYSTEM IN THE LAST-- IN THE LAST 10
13 YEARS. AND, IN FACT, IN THE LAST YEAR, THERE ARE SEVEN THAT
14 HAVE CLOSED AND I JUST GOT, TODAY, A LETTER OF THE CLOSURE OF
15 ANOTHER EMERGENCY ROOM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO, AS WE GO
16 THROUGH THIS PROCESS, THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PATIENTS, THERE
17 ARE FEWER SERVICES AND SO WE ARE ALWAYS ADJUSTING, IN OUR
18 E.M.S. SYSTEM, WHERE THE BEST PLACE IS TO TAKE A PATIENT.

19

20 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THAT MAKES GOOD SENSE AND IF I
21 MAY, JUST FOR ANOTHER MINUTE HERE. AT MARTIN LUTHER KING
22 HOSPITAL, WHERE OUR CITIZENS USE THE EMERGENCY ROOM
23 DISPROPORTIONATELY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, A LACK OF PREVENTIVE
24 CARE IN CLINICS, ET CETERA, MUCH OF THE PATIENT CARE BEGINS
25 EITHER IN TRAUMA OR EMERGENCY. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. YOU'RE



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1 GOING TO EXPAND THE USE OF EMERGENCY. AND SOME OF THOSE CASES
2 THEY SEND HOME NOW, I GUESS THEY'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP WITH THIS
3 EXTRA \$18 MILLION BUT THAT DOESN'T DO A LOT TO DECOMPRESS THE
4 HOSPITAL. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT \$18 MILLION THAT'S GOING TO
5 EXPAND THE USE OF THE HOSPITAL BEDS THERE. AND I WANT YOU TO
6 THINK ABOUT THAT BECAUSE YOU WILL GET MORE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE
7 RETAINED BECAUSE THEY SEND PEOPLE HOME NOW THAT CANNOT-- WHO
8 COULD STAY IN THE HOSPITAL BUT THEY AREN'T ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE
9 OUT OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, YOU KNOW, ALL HOSPITALS SEND PATIENTS HOME
12 EARLIER THAN WE USED TO. KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE ARE 47,000
13 PATIENTS THAT GO TO MARTIN LUTHER KING'S EMERGENCY ROOM EVERY
14 YEAR. ONLY LESS THAN 2,000 OF THOSE ARE TRAUMA PATIENTS.

15

16 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** YES, WE RECOGNIZE THAT.

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** SO WE CAN CLEARLY USE THAT \$18 MILLION FOR THE
19 OTHER, YOU KNOW, THE OTHER 45,000 EMERGENCY PATIENTS AND
20 THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO.

21

22 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
23 AND I HAVE-- AND I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT, YOU KNOW, I GUESS THE
24 CONCLUSION IS THAT, IN ORDER FOR TRAUMA TO WORK AT CALIFORNIA,
25 YOU REALLY DO HAVE TO GET THOSE PATIENTS FROM SOMEWHERE. IT'S



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1 NOT A NATURAL KIND OF BOUNDARY WHERE YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED
2 GROWTH AND NEED TO THE POINT WHERE THEY CAN MAKE IT WORK. SO
3 YOU HAVE GOT TO-- IT COULD NOT WORK UNLESS YOU COULD GET THOSE
4 PATIENTS FROM SOMEPLACE ELSE. AND THE SOMEPLACE ELSE NOW, IN
5 ONE SCENARIO, IS 1,200 PATIENTS COMING FROM THE KING CATCHMENT
6 AREA. THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO. 1,200 PATIENTS FROM
7 KING. OKAY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** 600.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU FINISHED? [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** NO, I WAS INTERRUPTED.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, HE WAS. I WAS WAITING.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I INTERRUPTED, SENATOR CEDILLO, AND I THINK
18 WE OUGHT TO GIVE HIM HIS TIME BACK.

19

20 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** SIX TO BEGIN WITH.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN 600.

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT 400 WILL COME FROM U.S.C. BECAUSE THAT'S A
25 PROPORTION.



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2 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THE NUMBERS THAT I SEE ARE 600 IN
3 THE FIRST PHASE AND 600 IN THE SECOND PHASE. THAT'S 1,200.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** THE 600 COMES FROM COUNTY U.S.C. IN THE FIRST
6 PHASE.

7

8 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** NO, THE 600 DOES NOT COME FROM
9 COUNTY U.S.C. IN THE FIRST PHASE. THOSE NUMBERS THAT YOU'RE
10 TALKING ABOUT FOR THAT AREA UP TO SLAUSON-- IS THAT A REDESIGN
11 CATCHMENT AREA?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, IT'S AT U.S.C. RIGHT NOW.

14

15 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** IS THAT IN THE NEW CONFIGURATION?
16 BECAUSE IT WAS..

17

18 **CAROL MEYER:** EXCEPT FOR THE VERY NORTHERN PORTION, THE
19 MAJORITY OF IT IS U.S.C.'S AREA

20

21 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** WELL, THAT-- UNTIL YOU
22 RECONFIGURED THAT RECENTLY, THAT WAS KING AREA.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SENATOR?

25



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1 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** WELL, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I
2 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY AND I DID INTERRUPT YOU.

3

4 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** YOU KNOW, I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS.
5 NOBODY-- YOU GUYS-- NOBODY WORKED HARDER THAN ALL OF YOU TO
6 PASS PROP B AND I KNOW YOU WROTE IT, YOU CAMPAIGNED, AND THE
7 LOCAL 660 PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE. I APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT. I THINK
8 THIS-- YOU KNOW, IT WAS INCREDIBLE THAT OUR ELECTORATE
9 SUPPORTED IT. MAYBE MY COMMENTS ARE PREMATURE. MAYBE THEY NEED
10 TO BE SAVED FOR TWO WEEKS BUT LET ME SAY THIS TO YOU NOW AND,
11 IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN TELL ME AND STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT IT
12 IS YOUR INTENT NOT TO CLOSE M.L.K. YOU CAN JUST SAY IT RIGHT
13 NOW AND IT'LL GIVE ME GREATER CONFIDENCE BUT I SAY TO YOU
14 THAT, IF YOU CLOSE M.L.K. TRAUMA NETWORK AND OPEN THIS AS
15 SIMPLY A TRANSITIONAL PHASE, ONE, DO THE MATH. THERE IS NO NET
16 GAIN ON TRAUMA NETWORK SERVICES. THAT'S THE SIMPLE MATH. YOU
17 OPEN ONE, YOU CLOSE THE OTHER. NO NET GAIN. YOU HAVE A
18 TRANSITION PERIOD. GREAT. WONDERFUL. BUT, AT THE END OF THE
19 DAY, THERE IS NO NET GAIN. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT MEANS WE
20 HAVE BREACHED THE SPIRIT AND THE INTENT OF MEASURE B. NOW,
21 MAYBE MY COMMENTS MAY BE TWO WEEKS PREMATURE. IF THEY ARE NOT,
22 SAY SO. BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL ME NOW THAT MY
23 COMMENTS ARE PREMATURE. AND, IF THEY'RE NOT, I MEAN, WE'RE
24 HERE AND YOU CAN SAY THAT. AND WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS THAT,
25 IN DOING THIS, YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, WHEN YOU BREACH MEASURE



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1 B, AND THIS IS PART OF THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS HERE IN
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, YOU HAVE AN
3 IMPACT, YOU HAVE AN IMPACT ON ELECTORATE. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE
4 JUST MISSED PASSING PROPOSITION A. RIGHT? WE ALL WANT MORE LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE. THE SHERIFF DESERVES MORE PEOPLE. THE
6 POLICE CHIEF DESERVES MORE PEOPLE. LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESERVES
7 MORE PEOPLE. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? THE ELECTORATE WAS A LITTLE
8 MORE SKEPTICAL. AND, IRONICALLY, MAYBE COINCIDENTALLY, MAYBE
9 THERE'S A CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP. THE ELECTORATE PARTICULARLY
10 SERVICED BY THE MARTIN LUTHER KING TRAUMA CENTER WAS THE MOST
11 SKEPTICAL IN VOTING FOR PROPOSITION A. THIS DECISION AND THESE
12 DECISIONS HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS TO RAISE
13 RESOURCES FOR US AND FOR YOU TO DO THE JOBS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
14 ELECTED TO DO. SO WHEN I READ IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
15 NOVEMBER 11TH, CALIFORNIA MEDICAL CENTER IN DOWNTOWN LOS
16 ANGELES ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT IT WOULD OPEN THE COUNTY'S
17 FIRST NEW TRAUMA CENTER IN MORE THAN A DECADE, GREAT. A
18 CRITICAL STEP IN THE EFFORT TO SHUT DOWN THE TRAUMA UNIT AT
19 MARTIN LUTHER KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. PERIOD. NOT SO GREAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** [INDISCERNIBLE]

22

23 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL'S DECISION TO
24 OPEN A TRAUMA UNIT IS CONSIDERED A CRUCIAL BOOST TO THE
25 COUNTY'S PLANS BECAUSE IT WOULD PARTIALLY FILL THE GAP CAUSED



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1 BY THE CLOSURE OF KING DREW. I AM SAYING TO YOU THAT, TO MAKE
2 THIS DECISION TODAY, YOU CAN SAY ALL THAT YOU CAN, THAT
3 THERE'S NO CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP, THAT IT'S A COINCIDENCE. THAT,
4 YES, YOU EMBARKED ON THIS TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO AND, YES,
5 AS MR. LEAF SAID IN THE MOST RECENT YEAR, YOU'VE WORK
6 RIGOROUSLY ON THIS. AND, YES, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF DOWNTOWN
7 LOS ANGELES, I WELCOME AND COVET A TRAUMA CENTER THERE. BUT
8 NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. IT'S JUST
9 THAT SIMPLE. AND I SAY TO YOU THAT THE COMMUNITY SPOKE LOUD
10 AND CLEAR. IN SOME RESPECTS, I'M AMAZED THAT WE HAVE THIS
11 ISSUE. THIS IS A DISTRICT ISSUE IN MANY RESPECTS FOR
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE THAT HAS REGIONAL IMPACT, JUST LIKE OUR
13 EFFORTS TO BUILD THE 750 HOSPITAL AT L.A.C./U.S.C. WAS AN
14 APPROPRIATE DISTRICT ISSUE IN WHICH THE DISTRICT AND ITS
15 COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD. AND IT WASN'T, TO THE
16 DISSERVICES OF ALL OF US AS ITS REGIONAL IMPACT. I SAY TO YOU
17 WE HAVE THE SAME SCENARIO AND CIRCUMSTANCE IN FRONT OF US. AND
18 THAT IT WILL NOT HURT THIS LONG EFFORT TO WAIT TWO WEEKS TO
19 SEE IF THERE IS SOME CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OPENING
20 OF THIS CENTER, WHICH WE ALL WANT, AND THE CLOSING OF M.L.K.
21 IT'S THAT SIMPLE. AND THAT TO DO THAT BREACHES AND VIOLATES
22 PROP B. I MEAN, I DON'T-- I CAN'T SAY THAT ANYMORE. AND THAT
23 WHAT IT DOES WITH RESPECT TO THE BEILENSONS THAT YOU HELD
24 YESTERDAY, IT RENDERS THEM MOOT BECAUSE THE DUE PROCESS THAT'S
25 REQUIRED IN BEILENSEN IS A SIMPLE THING. IT SAYS THE



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1 COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD BEFORE A
2 DECISION IS MADE. BUT IF YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS AS A
3 PRECONDITION, AS A PRECURSOR TO CLOSING KING, THEN THE
4 DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AND IT IS A DIRECT BREACH OF
5 BEILENSON. AND I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO THAT.
6 ALL OF YOU ARE HONORABLE PEOPLE. AND YOU ARE SO INTELLIGENT
7 AND CAPABLE. AND SINCE IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF RESOURCES,
8 SUPERVISOR, THEN WHY CAN'T WE JUST MAKE THE COMMITMENT NOW? I
9 MEAN, I SAID THIS A MILLION TIMES WHEN I WAS AT LOCAL 660.
10 SIMPLY IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IS THE DIRECTION THAT WE GIVE, WHAT
11 IS THE ROAD AND THE PATH THAT WE CHOOSE AND WE'LL GET THERE.
12 AND SO IF YOU SAY TODAY IT'S OUR INTENTION NOT TO CLOSE
13 M.L.K., THEN MAYBE MY COMMENTS ARE PREMATURE AND I APOLOGIZE.
14 I THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME JUST-- FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT WHAT THE
21 CONGRESSWOMAN SAID IS CORRECT. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH
22 OPENING CALIFORNIA MEDICAL AS A TRAUMA FACILITY. IT SHOULD BE
23 WELCOMED AND EVERYBODY SHOULD APPLAUD IT AND WE SHOULD TRY AND
24 FIND A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO PUT THEM
25 ON TO OUR TRAUMA SYSTEM. AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY OTHER



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1 PROFIT, NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, HOWEVER, TO GO ON TO
2 BECAUSE THE TRAUMA IS OVERTAXED IN THE FACILITIES THAT ARE
3 ALREADY THERE AND THERE IS TRAUMA NEEDS. FOR EXAMPLE, RIGHT
4 NOW, FROM POMONA TO L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., YOU DON'T HAVE A
5 TRAUMA FACILITY AND THAT'S A LOT LONGER AND THERE ARE A LOT OF
6 PROBLEMS OUT THERE AS WELL. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO GET BACK ON
7 TRACK AS TO WHERE WE'RE AT. SO I THINK THIS NEEDS TO MOVE
8 FORWARD. BUT IT IS PART OF A SOLUTION TO A PENDING PROBLEM.
9 THERE IS NO DOUBT. I MEAN, WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT CALIFORNIA IS
10 WILLING TO COME ON AS A SAFETY VALVE FOR US BECAUSE,
11 OTHERWISE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY
12 REALLOCATE, BECAUSE THAT'S THE INAPPROPRIATE WORD, IS WE'RE
13 GOING TO HAVE TO DIVERT TRAUMA PATIENTS FROM MARTIN LUTHER
14 KING. THEY WERE GOING-- THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO SAINT FRANCIS,
15 IS THAT CORRECT? HARBOR AND L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE THOSE
16 WERE THE TRAUMA FACILITIES THAT WERE AVAILABLE. THE DECISION
17 ABOUT-- AND, GILL, YOU WERE HERE THE LAST TIME, AND,
18 CONGRESSMAN, YOU AND I TALKED ABOUT IT ON THE PHONE, AND I
19 THINK WE NEED TO PUT IT INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE. THERE IS NO
20 DOUBT THE EMOTION THAT'S INVOLVED WITH THIS, WE SAW THAT LAST
21 NIGHT. WE'VE SEEN IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN. WHAT'S SO
22 UNFORTUNATE ABOUT IT IS WE THINK THAT WE ARE SO CORRECT IN THE
23 DECISION THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE OR TO GET TO, BECAUSE
24 WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL. THIS
25 HOSPITAL IS UNDER SIEGE, NOT JUST FROM US, AS SOME WOULD



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1 THINK, BUT FROM ACCREDITATION INSTITUTIONS, FROM EVERY SINGLE
2 ONE, ON A FEDERAL LEVEL, ON A STATE LEVEL, ON A LOCAL LEVEL.
3 SOME OF THE REPORTS THAT WE HAVE SEEN HAVE BEEN VERY
4 DEVASTATING. SOME OF THE ACCOUNTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED HAVE
5 BEEN VERY DEVASTATING, THAT THEY ENDANGER PATIENT CARE AND THE
6 LIVES OF PATIENTS. WHAT HAPPENED AT THIS HOSPITAL LAST YEAR AT
7 THIS SAME TIME WAS HORRIFYING. WE LOST FIVE PATIENTS. AND IT
8 WASN'T IN THE TRAUMA SYSTEM THAT WE LOST THEM. IT WAS NOT IN
9 THE TRAUMA SYSTEM. [INTERJECTIONS FROM AUDIENCE]

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE LOST-- EXCUSE ME. WE LOST PATIENTS IN OUR
12 HOSPITAL. [INTERJECTIONS FROM AUDIENCE]

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE LOST THEM BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS HOSPITAL
15 THAT HASN'T BEEN APPROPRIATELY MANAGED AT MANY LEVELS, WHETHER
16 IT BE IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, WHETHER IT BE ON
17 SITE AND WHETHER IT BE AT DREW MEDICAL. THERE ARE MANY, MANY
18 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY FOR MANAGEMENT AND THERE'S
19 FAILURE AT EVERY END: ON OUR END, AT DREW MEDICAL AND AT THE
20 HOSPITAL ITSELF. AND WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SHORE IT UP SINCE
21 I REMEMBER DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR WHEN THERE WAS-- THIS WAS A
22 CRISIS. AND WHAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED, AS WE KEEP SHORING IT UP,
23 IS THAT THERE IS OBVIOUSLY SUCH A CULTURE THAT IS OPERATING
24 THERE, THAT THERE IS SO MUCH THAT DRAMATICALLY NEEDS TO BE
25 CHANGED, THAT WE NEED TO GO IN THERE AND DO A FULL SCALE



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1 CHANGE IN ORDER TO SAVE, QUOTE, THE HOSPITAL AND THE REST OF
2 IT. AND WHAT WE ARE DOING OR WHAT WE THINK WE ARE DOING THAT
3 IS SO VERY CORRECT IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO DO THAT. NOW, IT IS
4 HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND AND FOR ME TO COMMUNICATE, I GUESS,
5 BECAUSE YOU ALMOST HAVE TO READ EACH OF THESE REPORTS AND YOU
6 SEE THE FAILURES OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE AND HOW SOME OF
7 THESE PEOPLE DIED. IT IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE
8 CAN'T EVEN ATTRACT NURSES TO GO THERE. AND IT'S THIS WHOLE
9 THING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, CONTRACTS AND ALL OF THAT. L.A. COUNTY
10 U.S.C., ALL OF US ARE HAVING PROBLEMS ATTRACTING NURSES ON ALL
11 DIFFERENT LEVELS BUT WE HAVE NURSES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO
12 TRANSFER INTO MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THEY WON'T GO THERE.
13 THERE IS A FEAR, THERE IS AN INTIMIDATION OF WHAT'S GOING ON
14 AND WE NEED TO REVAMP IT. AND, YOU KNOW, MAXINE, I WOULD
15 WELCOME YOU, AND AS A COLLEAGUE AND A LONG-TIME COLLEAGUE, TO
16 COME AND SIT DOWN WITH ME TO REVIEW THE REPORTS THAT WE'VE
17 LOOKED AT. GILL, WE INVITED YOU THE LAST TIME. 12:00, MY
18 OFFICE THE FOLLOWING DAY, ASSEMBLYMAN DIMELY DID NOT SHOW UP,
19 YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP, FABIAN NUNEZ DID NOT SHOW UP, JACKIE
20 GOLDBERG DID NOT SHOW UP. WE'VE INVITED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF
21 THEM BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE DONE IN A PUBLIC FORUM OF
22 THIS TYPE IN ORDER TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE
23 THERE. IT IS SO UNFORTUNATE. WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF
24 MAKING THESE KINDS OF MANAGEMENT DECISIONS. WE HAVE TO RELY ON
25 MANAGERS THAT WE HIRE TO DO THAT AND ACCEPT THE



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY GIVE US AND WE ARE SO STRESSED BY
2 THE KINDS OF REPORTS THAT WE ARE GETTING ABOUT THE FAILINGS AT
3 MARTIN LUTHER KING WHICH, BY THE WAY, AREN'T EXCLUSIVELY AT
4 MARTIN LUTHER KING. THERE HAVE BEEN FAILINGS AT HARBOR,
5 FAILINGS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND FAILINGS IN OTHER
6 HOSPITALS. BUT THE REALITY IS, THIS IS THE ONE THAT IS IN
7 JEOPARDY OF BEING SHUT DOWN VERY, VERY SOON AND WE ARE BEGGING
8 THOSE ACCREDITATION, THOSE-- EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO IS
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VIABILITY, WHETHER IT BE BY ACCREDITATION
10 OR BY A CERTIFICATION, SO WE CAN GET THE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT
11 WE NEED TO RUN THE PLACE. THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO ALL WE CAN
12 WE CAN TO "SHORE IT UP." SO, IT IS, WE BELIEVE, EVEN-- SETTING
13 ASIDE ALL OF THE EMOTION THAT GOES WITH IT, THE EMOTION OF
14 KEEPING IT THERE AND THE EMOTION THAT GOES IN WITH THE
15 FAILINGS, IS THAT WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL.
16 AND THIS IS THE ONLY CONCEIVABLE-- ONLY CONCEIVABLE PATTERN
17 THAT WE CAN FOLLOW AT THIS POINT IN TIME IN ORDER TO SAVE
18 THOSE BEDS. WE DO NOT KNOW ANY OTHER THING. WE KNOW THAT IF,
19 IN FACT, L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. DID NOT HAVE TO DO TRAUMA, IT
20 WOULD BE MUCH MORE ATTENTIVE TO THE EMERGENCY CASES THAT ARE
21 THERE. AND WHEN WE LOOK AT THE EMERGENCY CASES, THEY ARE VERY,
22 VERY CRITICAL. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE 75% OF THE TIME THAT IS
23 FOCUSED ON AN EMERGENCY ROOM DEDICATED TO TRAUMA, IT TAKES
24 AWAY FROM THOSE AND THEY ARE BURNS AND THEY ARE CUTS AND THEY
25 ARE OTHER-- HEART ATTACKS AND OTHER KINDS OF ISSUES THAT ARE



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1 EMERGENCY ROOM THINGS THAT ARE GOING ALL TO TRAUMA. SO IT IS A
2 WELCOMED RELIEF IF WE COULD GET IT. SO PUTTING MORE TRAUMA
3 ONLINE IS VERY VALUABLE. SO ALL I AM SAYING IS WE ARE
4 DESPERATELY TRYING TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION. WE ARE NOT SURE
5 THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE THE DECISION THAT WILL SAVE THE
6 HOSPITAL. WE'RE NOT SURE OF THAT. WE HAVE MANY THINGS GOING ON
7 AT THE SAME TIME. WE'VE BEEN MANDATED BY THE FEDERAL
8 GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE M.O.U. WITH THEM, TO TURN THE
9 MANAGEMENT OVER TO A PRIVATE CONSULTANT. WE'VE HONORED THAT.
10 WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN TO WORK WITH DREW MEDICAL TO
11 TRY AND REINFORCE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT THAT HOLDS BOTH OF
12 OUR FEET TO THE FIRE, NOT JUST THEIR END BUT OUR END AS WELL,
13 BECAUSE THERE WERE FAILINGS ON OUR END AS WELL. AND WE ARE NOW
14 TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD THAT IF, IN FACT, WE MAKE THIS
15 DETERMINATION, THE TRAUMA SHOULD BE REMOVED OUT OF MARTIN
16 LUTHER KING FOREVER OR TEMPORARILY, THAT... [INTERJECTIONS
17 FROM AUDIENCE]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHOULD WE DECIDE THAT, THAT IT IS GOING TO
20 HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO STABILIZE THE
21 REMAINING BEDS THAT WE HAVE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING. AND WE
22 CANNOT MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, WE CANNOT MAKE THAT
23 DETERMINATION UNLESS THERE ARE ASSURANCES THAT WE ARE GOING TO
24 HAVE A PLACE TO DIVERT THESE PATIENTS. THAT IS OUR REALITY. [
25 INTERJECTIONS]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, CALIFORNIA SHOULD BE A WELCOMED PARTNER TO
3 JOIN WITH US. BUT IF NOT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVERTED TO
4 HARBOR, SAINT FRANCIS AND L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE WE CANNOT
5 CLOSE AND WE CAN-- EVEN THOUGH THERE'S SO MUCH DIVERSION GOING
6 ON, WE CANNOT CLOSE TRAUMA AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, AS I
7 UNDERSTAND, UNTIL WE HAVE THOSE ASSURANCES. SO THIS IS JUST
8 PART OF IT. AGAIN, I KNOW THAT IT IS VERY, VERY PAINFUL FOR
9 SOMEONE WHO IS SO EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED AND, UNFORTUNATELY, WHO
10 TRULY BELIEVES THAT IT IS THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT IS
11 TRYING TO CLOSE THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL. AND EVERY TIME WE SAY
12 WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL, NOBODY BELIEVES US. AND I
13 CAN APPRECIATE... [INTERJECTIONS]

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...AND I CAN APPRECIATE THE LACK OF TRUST AND THE
16 LACK OF CONFIDENCE. I TRULY CAN APPRECIATE THAT, HAVING BEEN
17 ON A COMMUNITY THAT GETS SHORTCHANGED PRETTY REGULARLY ON MY
18 SIDE OF TOWN. BUT THE ISSUE IS IS THAT ALL WE CAN DO IS WE'RE
19 TRYING TO DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN WITH THE SITUATION AT HAND
20 AND THIS IS THE RECOMMENDATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO US AND,
21 HOPEFULLY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THE COURAGE, AS DIFFICULT AS
22 IT WILL BE IN LIGHT OF THE EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY THAT WAS
23 PROVIDED LAST NIGHT AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THERE, TO MAKE THE
24 APPROPRIATE DECISION IN ORDER TO SAVE, BECAUSE THE GOAL HERE
25 IS TO SAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AND ALL OF THOSE BEDS.



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1 WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE ONE MORE HOSPITAL. WE ARE LOSING
2 PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NONPROFIT HOSPITALS EVERY SINGLE DAY. IN
3 THE EAST SIDE, WE KEEP LOSING EVERY SINGLE THING AND THAT JUST
4 ADDS TO THE PRESSURE THAT WE HAVE AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. SO THE
5 REALITY IS, WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION. I WILL
6 MEET WITH YOU ANY TIME OF DAY TO LET YOU KNOW OF ALL OF THE
7 INFORMATION THAT I HAVE AS TO WHY I THINK THIS IS THE CORRECT
8 DECISION. NOW, PEOPLE CAN STAND THERE AND SAY, "I DON'T WANT
9 TO KNOW THOSE FACTS BECAUSE I'M TIED TO MY EMOTIONAL
10 DISPOSITION OF THAT." AND, GILL, YOU CAN STAY THERE AND SAY
11 THAT ALL DAY LONG BUT I WILL INVITE YOU, AGAIN, AS I DID THE
12 LAST TIME, TO JOIN ME TO DISCUSS THOSE ASPECTS OF IT. AND IT
13 CAN'T BE IN AN EMOTIONAL SETTING. IT HAS TO BE AN EYEBALL TO
14 EYEBALL MEETING AND HERE'S WHAT I KNOW, AND HERE'S THE FACTS
15 I'M RELYING ON, YOU'RE WELCOME TO LOOK AT THEM. AGAIN, YOU
16 MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENT DECISION BUT THIS IS THE INFORMATION I
17 WORK FROM.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MIKE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE ELSE...

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. WAIT A MINUTE-- I KNOW.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN I HAVE-- AND THEN I WOULD-- AND THEN I
2 WILL HAVE SOME STATEMENTS BUT I THINK THIS ISN'T THE
3 APPROPRIATE TIME. THERE ARE PEOPLE WAITING TO SPEAK.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, I THINK WE ALL... OKAY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOME OF THE DEFICIENCIES THAT WERE NOT
8 BROUGHT OUT AT THE HEARING YESTERDAY RELATIVE TO THE KING DRAW
9 TRAUMA. THEY LOST ITS PEDIATRIC CERTIFICATION ONE YEAR AGO DUE
10 TO POOR STANDARDS AND CARE AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
11 SURGEONS HAS NOT GRANTED KING DREW VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
12 FOR PEDIATRIC TRAUMA FOR SIX YEARS IN A ROW. AT THE MEDICAL
13 SCHOOL, ACCREDITATION COUNSEL TO GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION
14 HAS PULLED THE ACCREDITATION FOR SURGERY, RADIOLOGY,
15 NEONATOLOGY, ORTHOPEDIC PROGRAMS. IT'S NOW ON LIFE SUPPORT AND
16 THEY ARE RECOMMENDING THAT THEY LOSE THEIR ACCREDITATION.
17 FAMILY MEDICINE, ANESTHESIOLOGY AND ORTHOPEDICS, AS I SAID,
18 ARE ON PROBATION. FOR TWO CYCLES, THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED
19 UNFAVORABLE INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT FROM THE ACCREDITATION
20 COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND DREW
21 UNIVERSITY MAY SOON LOSE THEIR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND THE
22 BOARD HAS TAKEN SOME ACTIONS TO REFORM THAT MEDICAL SCHOOL. IN
23 THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF PATIENTS DIE.
24 THREE DEATHS IN THE TELEMETRY WARD. WE HAD THE CLAMP LEFT IN
25 THE PATIENT AND THEY SAID, WELL, THAT WAS, YOU KNOW, A



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1 MISTAKE. REPORTS ON PATIENTS IN PAIN HAVING TO WAIT 20 HOURS
2 OR MORE TO SEE A PHYSICIAN. A MENINGITIS PATIENT MISTAKENLY
3 GIVEN A POTENT CANCER DRUG. AND, IN THE LATE '80S AND '90, THE
4 THREAT OF ACCREDITATION WAS AT STAKE OF LOSING THAT
5 ACCREDITATION. AND THE C.M.S. HAS FREQUENTLY CITED THEIR
6 REPEATED LAPSES IN CARE, OF PATIENT SAFETY, PATIENT RIGHTS,
7 AND NURSING PROBLEMS AND THE JOINT COUNCIL ACCREDITATION,
8 JCAHO, HAS ISSUED 17 CITATIONS DUE TO CLINICAL PROCESS. AND
9 BECAUSE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES, EMERGENCY SERVICES COULD LOSE
10 \$200 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING. SO THESE REPORTS HAVE HAD
11 CATASTROPHIC EFFECTS ON THE HOSPITAL, THE SAFETY OF PATIENTS
12 AND THE ABILITY TO CONTINUE AS AN ACCREDITED AND VIABLE
13 HOSPITAL. AND IT'S VERY CRITICAL THAT THIS BOARD WORK TO PUT
14 THE KING DREW MEDICAL HOSPITAL AND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IN
15 THE AREA AND THE COMMUNITY, ENSURE THAT WE WORK TOWARD THAT
16 EFFORT SO THAT WE HAVE THE BEST POSITION TO ENSURE THAT THE
17 BEST CLINICAL AND ACCREDITATION PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED, THOSE
18 SEVERE PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED. AND MANY ARE FIGHTING TO SAVE
19 MEDIOCRITY AND INFERIOR CARE. THIS BOARD IS FIGHTING TO FIGHT
20 TO HAVE HIGH QUALITY CARE AND A END TO MEDIOCRITY AND BACK TO
21 PROFESSIONALISM.

22
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE DO HAVE SOME OTHERS. AND I WOULD
24 JUST SAY TO BOTH YOU AND TO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE, I MEAN, ONE
25 OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING-- I MEAN, I THINK THAT THIS



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1 BOARD HAS PROVED THAT IT'S COMMITTED TO SAVE THIS HOSPITAL.
2 AND YOU CAN SAY WE'RE NOT, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER BUT I'M GOING
3 TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, EVEN OVER MY OBJECTIONS, THIS BOARD
4 VOTED TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM, RANCHO LOS
5 AMIGOS. OKAY. THAT WAS A BUDGETARY ISSUE. THIS IS NOT A
6 BUDGETARY ISSUE. IF THIS BOARD, IF THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE
7 US IS NOT TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL, NOT TO CLOSE THE EMERGENCY
8 ROOM BUT TO SHUT DOWN TRAUMA ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO
9 DECOMPRESS THE HOSPITAL, TO SAVE THE HOSPITAL, IT'S A CRITICAL
10 ELEMENT OF THIS SAFETY NET. WE KNOW THAT AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE
11 TRYING TO DO WHAT WE DO. AND THE HUE AND CRY, I MEAN, IT'S
12 GOING TO TAKE A CULTURE CHANGE, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF
13 DIFFERENT THINGS OUT THERE. YOU KNOW, MY COMMENT TO SOME OF
14 THE DOCS IN THIS, I SAID, PROVE US WRONG. PROVE US WRONG. LOOK
15 AT RANCHO, UNDER THE THREAT OF CLOSURE WHICH IS NOW IN THE
16 COURTS, WHAT DID THEY DO? I MEAN, WE DIDN'T EVEN GO OUT TO THE
17 COMMUNITY FOR THAT ONE, WHICH BOTHERED ME, IN THE MOST
18 VULNERABLE POPULATION, IN WHEELCHAIRS AND VENTILATORS AND
19 EVERYTHING ELSE BUT WHAT DID THEY DO? ONCE AGAIN, THEY'RE ONE
20 OF THE TOP 10 REHABILITATION HOSPITALS IN THE UNITED STATES OF
21 AMERICA. AND SO WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER IN THIS SOLUTION AND
22 I THINK THIS BOARD HAS-- AND, AGAIN, IT WAS OVER MY OBJECTIONS
23 BUT IT'S TAKEN THE DIFFICULT ACTION OF VOTE TO CLOSE THE
24 HOSPITAL. IN THIS CASE, THE VOTE THAT IS BEFORE US AND THE
25 POTENTIAL ACTION IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE A HOSPITAL. IT'S A



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1 CRITICAL ELEMENT OF OUR SAFETY NET THAT WE'RE ULTIMATELY
2 RESPONSIBLE FOR.

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4 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME FINISH AND MAKE
5 MY COMMENTS VERY BRIEF. ZEV, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WE
6 SHARE...

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN CALL ME ZEV.

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10 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** WE SHARE A COMMITMENT, WE SHARE YOUR
11 COMMITMENT, OUR COMMITMENT TO SAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING
12 HOSPITAL. I HAVE ONE QUESTION AND IT'S JUST FOR YOU TO KEEP IN
13 MIND AS YOU PROCEED. A QUESTION WAS ASKED EARLIER, WHEN'S THE
14 LAST TIME WE OPENED A TRAUMA CENTER? IT'S A GOOD QUESTION. AN
15 ADDITIONAL QUESTION IS, WHEN'S THE LAST TIME WE REOPENED A
16 TRAUMA CENTER AFTER IT CLOSED? WHAT WERE THE CONDITIONS? WHAT
17 WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO REOPENING A TRAUMA CENTER?
18 AND HOW DISTINCT AND HOW SIMILAR ARE THEY...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** CALIFORNIA WAS OPEN AND CLOSED AND THIS IS A
21 REOPEN.

22

23 **SENATOR GILBERT CEDILLO:** RIGHT. AND SO WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS
24 THAT ARE DISTINCT, SIMILAR TO THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES? AND SO I
25 JUST, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I ACCEPT THE SINCERITY AND THE



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1 DIFFICULTY IN WHICH YOU MAKE THIS DECISION AND I AGAIN-- AND,
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH HER
3 AND TO MEET WITH ALL OF YOU ON THIS MATTER AND TO WORK WITH
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. AND I THINK,
7 GILL, YOU'VE BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW, REMEMBER WHEN WE
8 HAD THE DAYS OF-- WE HAD A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA, AND THEN
9 EVERYBODY ELSE WANTED ON THE TRAUMA NETWORK, SO WE CREATED A
10 LEVEL 2 HERE IN THE COUNTY AND THEN WE HAD A LEVEL 3. AND
11 THEN, YOU KNOW, WE HAD ALL THE PATRON SAINTS FLOATING AROUND
12 THE EIGHTH FLOOR WANTING TO BE A PART OF THE TRAUMA NETWORK
13 AND THEN, AS THE COSTS AND ALL THE JCAHO, ACCREDITATION ISSUE
14 BECAME PARAMOUNT, THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS, WE LOST LEVEL 3,
15 WE LOST LEVEL 2, AND, BASICALLY, WE WERE BACK TO THE COUNTY
16 PROVIDING THAT ULTIMATE HEALTH SAFETY NET. SO WE LOOK FORWARD
17 TO WORKING WITH YOU.

18

19 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** I WELCOME...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I THINK M.L.K. NOW IS A LEVEL 2, IS IT
22 NOT? IT'S DROPPED BECAUSE IT LOST ITS AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
23 SURGEONS ACCREDITATION. [INTERJECTIONS]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT LOST-- I'M SORRY, BECAUSE OF THE SURGERY.
2 I APOLOGIZE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** SURGERY RESIDENCY.

5

6 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** SURGERY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RESIDENCY AT DREW UNIVERSITY.

9

10 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
11 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA OR ANY OF YOU TO LOOK AT THE CASES YOU
12 WOULD LIKE US TO SEE. I'VE READ ABOUT SOME OF THE CASES THAT,
13 YOU KNOW, ARE VERY TROUBLING BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ABOUT NURSE
15 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. AND LET ME JUST SAY THIS, BECAUSE
16 I'VE NOT SEEN THE LEVEL, THE VISION COMING FROM THE COUNTY
17 ABOUT HOW TO HELP TRAIN NURSES AND HOW TO RETAIN NURSES. IT
18 WAS JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO-- WELL, MAYBE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO
19 THAT I WENT TO SOUTHWEST COLLEGE WHERE THEY WERE CONTEMPLATING
20 CLOSING DOWN THE NURSING PROGRAM. AND I SAID, "YOU CAN'T DO
21 THIS!" AND THE PRESIDENT SAID TO ME, "WELL, WE DON'T REALLY
22 WANT TO THAT BUT WE'RE NOT HAVING A LOT OF SUCCESS." WELL, WE
23 KNOW ABOUT SUPPORT FOR NURSING PROGRAMS IN SOME OTHER CITIES
24 WHERE NOT ONLY DO THEY HAVE TUTORS, THEY'RE HELPING WITH CHILD
25 CARE, THEY'RE HELPING WITH HOUSING. IT IS VERY TOUGH FOR SOME



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1 OF THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE TRAINED, WHO WANT TO BE TRAINED, TO
2 DO THIS WITHOUT A LOT OF HELP. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO USE
3 MONIES EITHER FROM WHEREVER? I MEAN, C.D.B.G. MONEY FROM THE
4 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HEALTH COUNTY MONEY TO HELP RETAIN AND
5 RECRUIT?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID THAT. MAXINE, WE HAVE A SCHOLARSHIP
8 PROGRAM WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE STUDENT
9 FOR NURSING SCHOOL IN RETURN, A GUARANTEED JOB WITH THE
10 COUNTY. WE HAVE THAT PROGRAM IN PLACE, IT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR
11 ABOUT EIGHT, NINE YEARS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE'D LIKE TO EXPAND-- YOU KNOW, COMPTON HAS
14 ONE WITH SAINT FRANCIS. WE WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO EXPAND IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, PART OF THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW THOUGH
17 IS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAVE THE AVAILABILITY FOR TRAINING,
18 WHICH WE WORK WITH BUT, DUE TO A STATE FUNDING ISSUE AND
19 WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE, THEY HAVE THE SLOTS. THEY
20 JUST CAN'T FUND THE STUDENTS, SO WE'RE TRYING TO...

21

22 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** THE STUDENTS DON'T HAVE THE
23 SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THEY REALLY DO NEED A LOT
24 MORE SUPPORT THAN ANY OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEM AND I



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1 THINK WE ALL NEED TO LOOK AT THAT BECAUSE THAT'S A MAJOR
2 PROBLEM AT KING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

5

6 **CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS:** A MAJOR PROBLEM.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM THROUGHOUT. THANK YOU.
9 CAPTAIN WELLS, YOU'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT.

10

11 **CAPTAIN WILLIAM WELLS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, I'M
12 PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN WILLIAM WELLS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LOS
13 ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, SERVING THE FOUR MILLION PEOPLE THAT
14 LIVE, WORK, OR COMMUTE TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE LOS
15 ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL
16 CENTER IN BECOMING A TRAUMA CENTER. SINCE NEARLY 50% OF ALL
17 THE TRAUMA PATIENTS ALREADY GO TO THE THREE NEARBY TRAUMA
18 CENTERS OF L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., KING DREW AND HARBOR U.C.L.A.,
19 WE WELCOME THE RETURN OF CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER AS
20 ANOTHER TRAUMA CENTER TO SERVE THE DOWNTOWN AND SOUTH LOS
21 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO CALL
24 CELEST KING, ROBERT COLE, KATHY OCHOA AND CHRISTINE-- I DON'T
25 THINK I SAID THIS CORRECT LAST NIGHT, KOUNDAKJIAN. CLOSE.



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1 TRYING. TESTIFY DOWN HERE A COUPLE MORE TIMES, I'LL HAVE IT
2 DOWN. TWO MINUTES. IN REGARDS TO-- JUST SO THAT EVERYONE
3 KNOWS, YOU KNOW, WE HAD A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT, ALMOST SIX HOURS
4 OF TESTIMONY, SIX AND A HALF HOURS OF TESTIMONY YESTERDAY. I'M
5 GOING TO ASK THAT WE ADHERE TO THE TWO-MINUTE RULE HERE AND
6 SEE HOW SUCCESSFUL WE ARE.

7

8 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** SUPERVISOR, BEFORE WE BEGIN, CAN WE ASK
9 CAROL MEYER TO REMAIN? I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS
10 THAT ARE GOING TO GO HER WAY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. COULD SHE REMAIN?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHE'S NOT LEAVING.

15

16 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** SHE WAS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** A LOT OF THEM CHECKED OFF. I THINK THAT'S A
19 DUPLICATION. OKAY. TWO MINUTES.

20

21 **KATHY OCHOA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. SUPERVISOR KNABE, I WOULD
22 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE WAY YOU CHAIRED THE MEETING LAST
23 NIGHT. HOWEVER, I'M NOT QUITE READY TO LAVISH PRAISE ON THE
24 ENTIRE BOARD UNTIL I SEE WHAT THE VOTE LOOKS LIKE, WHETHER THE
25 INFORMATION THAT WAS SHARED WITH THE BOARD HAD ANY IMPACT ON A



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1 FINAL DETERMINATION ON KING. WE WOULD HOPE, ON THIS ITEM, ON
2 THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, WE, TOO, WOULD HOPE THAT THIS
3 DECISION ON CALIFORNIA WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL A FINAL
4 DETERMINATION ON KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER'S FUTURE IS MADE.
5 WHY? BECAUSE OF VOLUME. NOT BECAUSE OF MONEY BUT BECAUSE OF
6 PATIENT VOLUME AND I'LL SPEAK TO THAT IN JUST A MOMENT. I WANT
7 TO MAKE CLEAR TO YOU THAT S.E.I.U LOCAL 660 SUPPORTS MORE
8 TRAUMA, NOT LESS; MORE ACCESS, NOT LESS. THIS MEANS THAT WE
9 SUPPORT CALIFORNIA COMING ONLINE AS A TRAUMA CENTER AND THAT
10 WE SUPPORT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER REMAINING OPEN AND
11 PROVIDING TRAUMA SERVICES. OUR POSITION IS CONSISTENT WITH
12 THAT OF THE VOTER-APPROVED MEASURE B. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
13 TO LOOK AT THESE CONCERNS, SUPERVISORS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
14 SHORT AND LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE HOSPITAL. AND, FOR THAT
15 REASON, MY PRINCIPAL CONCERN-- CAN YOU GET SOME ORDER IN HERE?
16 IT'S REALLY DISTRACTING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** COULD WE ASK EVERYBODY TO BE QUIET.

19

20 **KATHY OCHOA:** SORRY. OUR QUESTION IS, WILL THERE BE A
21 SUFFICIENT VOLUME OF PATIENTS FOR KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER TO
22 MAINTAIN AND RESTORE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AT KING DREW?
23 WE THINK AND I THINK THE SATCHER REPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT'S
24 OWN TASK FORCES AND THIS BOARD, YOUR ADOPTED-- THE AFFILIATION
25 AGREEMENTS ON THE DIRECTION OF THE SATCHER REPORT POINTS TO



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1 THE ESSENTIAL-- HOW GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AT KING DREW IS
2 ESSENTIAL TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE INSTITUTION. AND,
3 FOR THIS REASON, YOU WILL BE VOTING TO SEAL THE FATE OF KING
4 DREW UNLESS YOU CAN ENSURE THAT THE VOLUME OF PATIENTS THAT
5 REMAIN FOR THE KING DREW AREA ARE SUFFICIENT TO PRESERVE
6 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION. NOT JUST 300 PATIENTS OR 600
7 PATIENTS BUT THERE'S A CRITICAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS THAT NEED
8 TO REMAIN AT THE FACILITY. AND I THINK THAT THAT IS A QUESTION
9 THAT THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO BE FORTHRIGHT WITH THE BOARD. IT
10 CAN TWEAK, IT COULD RECONFIGURE BOUNDARIES BUT I THINK THE,
11 SORT OF THE HEART AND SOUL IS MAKING SURE THERE'S A CRITICAL
12 MASS OF PATIENTS. I THINK THAT, IN TERMS OF THINKING OF THE
13 SHORT AND LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE HOSPITAL, WE NEED TO THINK,
14 DO WE WANT JUST SORT OF LIKE A STATUS QUO, THE NUMBER OF BEDS
15 WE HAVE TODAY OPERATING WITHOUT ANY ERRORS? I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY,
16 THAT'S A LAUDABLE GOAL, WE ALL NEED TO FIGHT FOR THAT. OR IS
17 THE GOAL RESTORATION OF LEVEL ONE TRAUMA SERVICES AT KING
18 DREW, IN WHICH CASE WE NEED TO GUARANTEE THAT WE HAVE GRADUATE
19 MEDICAL EDUCATION IN PLACE THERE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. CAN YOU WRAP IT UP, KATHY.

22

23 **KATHY OCHOA:** I WILL WRAP UP. I THINK-- I WAS TROUBLED BY A
24 COUPLE OF THINGS, SUPERVISOR, THAT I THINK NEED TO BE
25 MENTIONED HERE. ONE OF THEM IS SORT OF THE LAPSES IN THE



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1 HISTORICAL MEMORY AROUND HERE. I'VE BEEN AROUND HERE FOR A
2 LONG TIME AND THE CALIFORNIA AGREEMENT, THE HOSPITAL AGREEMENT
3 HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR TWO YEARS AND IT LAID AROUND FOR TWO
4 YEARS. WHY? BECAUSE THE COUNTY DID NOT THINK IT WAS A GOOD
5 DEAL FOR THE COUNTY. AND IT'S GOING TO COST MORE THAN MEASURE
6 B DOLLARS. IT'S GOING TO COST IN TERMS OF THE INPATIENT DAYS.
7 SO, YOU KNOW, JUST BEFORE WE ALL, LIKE, GET INTO A LITTLE LOVE
8 FEST ABOUT HOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON THIS...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NOBODY'S LOVE FESTING BUT I TELL YOU WHAT,
11 I MEAN, YOU CAN'T BE OPPOSED TO MORE TRAUMA. IT'S NOT A LOVE
12 FEST.

13

14 **KATHY OCHOA:** I SAID MORE TRAUMA AND NOT LESS. OKAY? BUT I'M
15 JUST SAYING, LET'S SORT OF BE-- LET'S NOT, LIKE, MAKE IT A
16 CELEBRATION THAT'S ONLY ONE WEEK AND WE REALLY END UP WITH A
17 NET GAIN OF AN ADDITIONAL TRAUMA NETWORK FOR ONLY ONE WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** LET ME CLARIFY THAT. INITIALLY, WHEN CALIFORNIA
20 FILED ITS APPLICATION, THERE WAS OBJECTION FROM A COUNTY
21 HOSPITAL. THAT COUNTY HOSPITAL WITHDREW THAT OBJECTION, IT'S
22 MY UNDERSTANDING, AND THERE WAS ANOTHER PRIVATE HOSPITAL THAT
23 OBJECTED. IT WAS NOT A COUNTY HOSPITAL, IT WAS A PRIVATE
24 HOSPITAL. WITHIN ABOUT A YEAR AGO, MY RECOLLECTION IS
25 EVERYTHING WAS SOLVED AND CALIFORNIA WITHDREW THEIR



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1 APPLICATION. AND I THINK THAT WAS ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO OR A
2 YEAR AGO.

3

4 **KATHY OCHOA:** IN JULY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **KATHY OCHOA:** I WOULD JUST-- THEN THE QUESTION IS WOULD
9 VOLUME...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** SO LET'S GET THE-- WE ALL HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME
12 MEMORY...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED LAST
15 NIGHT AND THOSE QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT BACK
16 TO THE BOARD NEXT WEEK.

17

18 **KATHY OCHOA:** OKAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK-- I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT BUT I DO
21 THINK-- ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I THINK WE HAVE TO ADDRESS IS
22 THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF-- DR. GARTHWAITE, OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU
23 CAN HAVE A REINSTATEMENT OF THE SURGERY RESIDENCY WHERE THERE
24 HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF



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1 PATIENTS AVAILABLE IF, IN FACT, THERE IS NOT THE TRAUMA THERE.

2 I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE ANSWERED.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND A SCENARIO OF HOW TO HAPPENS, TOO, THAT WE

7 NEED TO KNOW, BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, YOU CAN NEVER GET THE

8 SURGERY RESIDENCY BACK, WHICH ALSO AFFECTS THE ORTHOPEDIC

9 RESIDENCY AND...

10

11 **KATHY OCHOA:** YOU END UP WITH A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AT THE END

12 OF THE DAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK THAT'S THE THING THAT WE NEED TO

15 REALLY UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. CELEST AND THEN ROBERT, THEN

18 CHRISTINE.

19

20 **CELEST KING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. IT'S BEEN A LONG

21 TIME FROM LAST NIGHT TO TODAY. MS. BURKE, I WOULD LIKE TO

22 THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING, YOU KNOW, FOR ASKING THE QUESTION

23 THAT I CAME UP HERE TO ASK. I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I REALLY

24 DO. I MEAN, I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY PERTINENT BECAUSE I HEAR

25 ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA TRAUMA CENTER AND I AM TOTALLY IN



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1 AGREEMENT WITH THE FACT THAT WE DO NEED MORE TRAUMA AND WE
2 SHOULD HAVE IT. ALL RIGHT? I THINK THAT THERE'S PROBABLY
3 ENOUGH IN THE CATCHMENT AREA THAT WOULD BE CREATED RIGHT
4 AROUND IN A 360-DEGREE CIRCLE OF TRAUMA INCIDENTS THAT WOULD
5 PROBABLY SUPPLY THAT CATCHMENT RIGHT THERE IN CALIFORNIA BY
6 ITSELF, LET ALONE ANY PLACE ELSE, BECAUSE THIS CITY IS A CITY
7 THAT IS COMPLETELY RAMPANT WITH VIOLENCE AND THERE ARE A
8 TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF CAR ACCIDENTS THAT HAPPEN EVERY DAY
9 AROUND HERE THAT DO THINGS. IN ANY EVENT, MY CONCERN, THOUGH,
10 MOVES WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE DREW SITUATION AND WE TALK ABOUT
11 ITS EXISTENCE, SAVING THE HOSPITAL. WELL, RIGHT NOW, AS I
12 POINTED OUT YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW, THE HOSPITAL IS WORKING AT A
13 VERY, VERY LOW CAPACITY, UNDER 20%, AND I'M WONDERING, HOW DO
14 WE BRING A HOSPITAL BACK? HOW DO WE BRING BACK THE NEONATAL
15 UNIT? HOW DO WE BRING BACK A GERIATRICS UNIT? HOW DO WE SHORE
16 UP THE ORTHOPEDIC UNIT? WHERE DO WE GO? HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO
17 THIS IF THERE ARE NOT IN PLACE THE KIND OF CONTRACTS THAT WILL
18 ALLOW SUFFICIENT PAYMENT OF NURSES SO THAT WE CAN RECRUIT
19 NURSES? ONE OF OUR REAL PROBLEMS IS STAFFING IS UNAVAILABLE
20 BECAUSE WE ARE NOT COMPETITIVE. WE MUST BE COMPETITIVE. IN MY
21 BUSINESS, YOU KNOW, AND MY FAMILY BUSINESS HAS BEEN AROUND
22 HERE FOR A LOT OF YEARS. WE HIRE A FEW PEOPLE. NOT A LOT OF
23 THEM. THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY QUALIFIED
24 TO OPERATE IN OUR INDUSTRY BUT WE HAVE TO BE COMPETITIVE. WE
25 COULDN'T KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN IF WE WEREN'T COMPETITIVE. YOU



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1 KNOW? ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENS, AND YOU SAY, "WELL, WHAT
2 ABOUT THE NURSES AT CALIFORNIA?" THE NURSES AT CALIFORNIA ARE
3 GETTING PAID A REASONABLE SCALE WAGE. ALL RIGHT? IT SEEMS
4 THAT, FOR SOME REASON, OR SOME-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, THAT
5 THIS COUNTY, IN TERMS OF ITS NEGOTIATORS, ARE NOT-- EITHER NOT
6 NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH OR DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ROBERT? AND THEN CHRISTINE, THEN I'D ASK
12 DEBRA REID AND MEG THOMAS TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE.

13

14 **ROBERT COLE:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT COLE. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE
15 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. WE ARE ALSO IN
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WATTS AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WHICH
17 BORDERS THE AREA OF KING HOSPITAL. I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF
18 OF MY WIFE, DR. KAREN COLE, WHO TRAINED AT KING HIGH SCHOOL,
19 MY DAD WHO EXPERIENCED AN EMERGENCY SURGERY AT KING HOSPITAL
20 ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AGO WITH PROSTATE CANCER, AS WELL AS
21 A HOST OF FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN SERVICED BY
22 KING HOSPITAL. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME JUST SAY, THERE WAS A
23 QUESTION THAT WAS PRESENTED EARLIER ABOUT WHERE THE 1,200
24 PATIENTS WOULD COME FROM. AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF
25 THE PEOPLE HERE BUT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION-- THE



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1 ANSWER. FROM WHAT I HEARD THE YOUNG LADY SAY, THOSE NUMBERS
2 WERE MERE PROJECTIONS AND, FOR INSTANCE, IF SHE ONLY GETS 200
3 FROM U.S.C., DOES THAT MEAN THAT A THOUSAND HAS TO COME FROM
4 KING? I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. SECOND OF ALL, IN THE LETTER I
5 GUESS THAT MR. GARTHWAITE PRESENTED, IT GIVES HIM PERMISSION
6 TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ARE THE
7 PARAMETERS ABOUT ASKING FOR THAT. CAN HE COME TOMORROW TO ASK
8 FOR MORE FUNDING? AND THEN HOW MUCH MORE CAN HE ASK FOR? THIS
9 CONTRACT GIVES HIM \$4 MILLION. CAN HE COME NEXT WEEK AND ASK
10 FOR ANOTHER \$10 MILLION? THAT WAS NOT ADDRESSED. YOU SAY THAT
11 IT'S NOT A MONEY ISSUE AND IT'S NOT A MANAGEMENT ISSUE
12 BECAUSE-- NOT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT'S NOT A MANAGEMENT ISSUE
13 BUT I GUESS BECAUSE DR. GARTHWAITE AND MR. LEAF STILL HAVE
14 THEIR JOBS, IT'S NOT A MANAGEMENT ISSUE. SO THAT MUST MEAN IT
15 MUST BE A DOCTOR ISSUE AND A NURSE ISSUE WHICH IS UNFAIR TO
16 SAY. NOW, IN THE CITY OF L.A., THE CRIME IS REALLY BAD BECAUSE
17 WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS PER RESIDENT, THE RATIO.
18 AT KING HOSPITAL, THE RATIO IS SIMILAR IN THAT WE DON'T HAVE
19 THE GREATEST NUMBER OF DOCTOR-TO-PATIENT RATIO AND THAT'S WHY,
20 I THINK, YOU HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
22 YESTERDAY'S TESTIMONIES, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TODAY'S
23 TESTIMONY AND LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE
24 ALL WANT THIS HOSPITAL TO STAY AFLOAT. IT'S NOT A MONEY ISSUE,
25 ACCORDING TO YOU, IT'S NOT A MANAGEMENT ISSUE, SO LET'S DO THE



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1 RIGHT THING, DELAY TODAY'S VOTE, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE
2 THINGS THAT WERE SAID AND COME BACK IN A WEEK OR TWO WITH THAT
3 INFORMATION TO MAKE YOUR DECISION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ROBERT. CHRISTINE, DEBRA REID,
6 THEN I WOULD INVITE MAE THOMAS AND MORRIS GRIFFIN UP, PLEASE.

7

8 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY.
9 THANKS AGAIN FOR YESTERDAY AND YOUR PATIENCE. IT WAS
10 WONDERFUL. GREATLY APPRECIATED. ON BEHALF OF THE NURSES AND
11 DOCTORS, AGAIN, FROM KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, THIS MESSAGE IS
12 FIRST TO PLEASE DELAY YOUR MOTION TO VOTE FOR TODAY'S FUNDS TO
13 BE TRANSFERRED FROM PART OF MEASURE B OR WHATEVER THEY'RE
14 SAYING, JUST PLEASE DELAY THAT. SECOND, CAROL MEYER. THE
15 REASON WHY I WANTED YOU TO STAY HERE AND LISTEN TO THIS IS
16 BECAUSE YOU SAID WE ALL WANT A TRAUMA CENTER, IT'S IMPORTANT
17 TO HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER. HOWEVER, YOU SAID ANY BASIC EMERGENCY
18 ROOM IN THIS COUNTRY IS SUPPOSED TO BE CAPABLE OF
19 ACCOMMODATING TRAUMAS: KAISER, WHATEVER, ALL THE HOSPITALS. SO
20 WHY IS IT SUCH A BIG DEAL TO GET CALIFORNIA, IF THEY CAN
21 ACCOMMODATE, FOR ANY TRAUMA? THAT'S MY QUESTION. WHY WOULD YOU
22 EVEN CONSIDER THAT TO BE AN ISSUE? SECOND, CONGRESSWOMAN
23 BROUGHT UP AN IMPORTANT POINT. SHE SAID YOU GUYS WANT TO
24 DECOMPRESS THE HOSPITAL AND PART OF THIS MEASURE B MONEY IS
25 GOING TO STAY IN THE EMERGENCY THING, EMERGENCY ROOM FUND.



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1 THAT MEANS WE CAN EXPAND EMERGENCY, HAVE MORE PATIENTS. I AM
2 AN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE. I WOULD LIKE ANY ONE OF YOU TO COME
3 IN THERE ONE DAY AND SEE THE CONDITIONS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM
4 SO SATURATED AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO DECOMPRESS THE HOSPITAL.
5 WHY? WE'RE GOING TO GET DIABETICS, M.I.S AND ALL THESE OTHER
6 PATIENTS COME IN AND THEY DON'T JUST GET TRANSFERRED OUT, THEY
7 SIT IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, AND SOME OF THEM ARE RULED OUT
8 HAVING A M.I. IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE
9 SPACE IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE WHY? TELEMETRIES ARE SHUT DOWN.
10 BOTTOM LINE, IT'S NOT GOING TO DECOMPRESS. YOU NEED NURSES TO
11 OPEN THOSE UNITS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE NURSES RIGHT NOW
12 BECAUSE OF A MISMANAGEMENT ISSUE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WHAT
13 IRKS ME THE MOST IS, EVERY TIME WE HAVE AN ISSUE AND IT'S
14 POSITIVE, ALL OF YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WITH MAYBE THE
15 EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO, MS. BURKE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
16 POSITIVE STUFF YOU GAVE US TODAY, BUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU
17 ALWAYS TALK ABOUT THE PAST. A DOCTOR YESTERDAY REPORTED 98,000
18 DEATHS OCCUR EACH YEAR IN HOSPITALS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE
19 HUMAN. ERRORS OCCUR. AND IT'S A SYSTEM THING. I DON'T WANT TO
20 POINT A FINGER AT ONE PERSON BUT IT HAPPENS. 98-- THE LONGER
21 YOU STAY IN A HOSPITAL ONE EXTRA SECOND, THE CHANCES OF AN
22 ERROR OCCURRING HAPPENS, BE IT HUMAN, BE IT COMPUTER. OKAY? SO
23 I'M SICK OF IT WHEN YOU GUYS KEEP DREDGING UP THE PAST AND THE
24 PERSON WHO DOES THIS THE MOST IS MS. MOLINA. YOU GUYS NEED TO
25 LOOK INTO YOUR HEARTS AND SAY, WHY DO YOU BRING UP THE PAST



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1 TELEMETRY? THAT PATIENT THAT DIED IN THE I.C.U.? I DON'T WANT
2 TO GIVE EXCUSES, I DON'T TOLERATE INCOMPETENCE, I DON'T
3 TOLERATE NEGLIGENCE...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CHRISTINE, WRAP IT UP, PLEASE

6

7 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** BUT ONE THING THAT-- ONE THING THAT I--
8 I MEAN, AND THIS IS NO EXCUSE, IF AN END STAGE EXAMPLE, AND
9 THIS IS HYPO-- I DON'T EVEN WANT TO DISCUSS PATIENTS BUT
10 PEOPLE ARE SICK, REALLY SICK, LIKE THEY SAID, A LOT OF THE
11 PATIENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY DON'T HAVE INSURANCE, SO THEY
12 UTILIZE THE EMERGENCY ROOM AS PRIMARY CARE...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE WRAP IT UP. I WAS PATIENT LAST
15 NIGHT, OKAY? THIS IS REDUNDANT TESTIMONY.

16

17 **CHRISTINE KOUNDAKJIAN:** I'M WRAPPING IT UP NOW. I'M WRAPPING IT
18 UP. I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THEY'RE SICKER WHEN THEY COME
19 TO OUR HOSPITAL. I'M NOT SAYING IT'S AN EXCUSE FOR THEM TO DIE
20 BUT 98,000 DEATHS OCCUR EVERYWHERE EACH YEAR AND IT'S NOT AN
21 EXCUSE, BUT STOP BASHING MARTIN LUTHER KING! STOP! [SCATTERED
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DEBRA, AND THEN MAE, AND
25 THEN MORRIS AND GENEVIEVE, IF YOU'D JOIN US.



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1
2 **DEBRA REID:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEBRA REID. I LIVED IN
3 THE AREA OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BACK DURING THE CIVIL UNREST IN
4 '92 AND MY SON THAT HAD PASSED AWAY, NOT AT MARTIN LUTHER KING
5 AND NOT WITH ME, HE DEVELOPED ASTHMA-- A SEVERE ASTHMA ATTACK
6 WHILE WE LIVED THERE. AND THIS WAS DURING THE CIVIL UNREST
7 WHEN THE POLICE OFFICERS HAD TO COME IN THE HOUSE WITH THEIR
8 GUNS DRAWN BEFORE THE PARAMEDICS BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE IN THE
9 AREA. I REMEMBER HOW HARD IT WAS FOR THEM TO GET FROM 107TH
10 AND HOOVER AND TRYING TO DIVERT AROUND THE HOT POINTS IN THE
11 AREA TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. AND ME, AS A MOTHER, BEING AFRAID
12 THAT THOSE FEW SECONDS OF THEM NOT BEING ABLE TO GO STRAIGHT
13 DOWN IMPERIAL AND HAVING TO DIVERT OVER TO 120TH AND OVER
14 THERE WOULD COST HIM HIS LIFE. WE ALSO EXPERIENCED HAVING TO
15 GO FROM 107TH AND HOOVER ON THE FREEWAY TO HARBOR GENERAL AND
16 BEING CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IF A TRAFFIC JAM HAPPENED IN THE
17 MIDDLE OF ONE OF THOSE INTERSECTIONS AND WE COULDN'T GET OFF?
18 SO I UNDERSTAND WHY FAMILIES ARE AFRAID THAT-- IF THEY'RE
19 GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, WHAT HAPPENS
20 TO FAMILY MEMBERS IN THOSE CRUCIAL SECONDS BETWEEN A HOSPITAL
21 THAT'S WITHIN FIVE MINUTES TO A HOSPITAL WITH TRAFFIC CAN BE
22 WITHIN 30 TO 40 MINUTES AWAY? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES OF
23 WHAT HAPPENS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING DUE TO STAFF. YOU'VE HAD
24 QUITE A FEW NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT HAVE DIED IN THE FOSTER
25 CARE SYSTEM BUT NO ONE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THAT SYSTEM BE



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1 CLOSED DOWN. I OFTEN READ RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU MAKE TO OUR
2 LEGISLATOR. YOU'RE CONSTANTLY MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO
3 IMPROVE THE SYSTEM, NEVER TO SHUT IT DOWN. HERE IS A VITAL
4 SERVICE NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND YOU'RE DEPENDING ON
5 OUTSIDE PEOPLE TO DECIDE HOW TO RUN THIS. YOU'RE PART OF THE
6 COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS, YOU
7 SHOULD KNOW THE NEEDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND YOU SHOULDN'T
8 HAVE TO PAY \$13 MILLION FOR SOME STRANGER TO COME IN. WE HAVE
9 WAYS...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

12

13 **DEBRA REID:** WE HAVE WAYS TO RECRUIT NURSES AND I DON'T FEEL
14 THAT THEY'RE BEING UTILIZED AND WE NEED TO WORK MORE WITH THE
15 COMMUNITY AND BRING NURSES FROM WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH
16 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAE, AND THEN MORRIS, AND THEN
19 GENEVIEVE, AND ASK ROBERT LESLIE TO JOIN US.

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21 **MAE THOMAS:** I ALWAYS GIVE HONOR TO GOD FIRST, TO THE CHAIR AND
22 TO THE SUPERVISOR AND MY SUPERVISOR, YVONNE BURKE. I'M HERE
23 TODAY NOT AS ELECTIVE PREACHER FROM THE COMPTON SCHOOL BOARD,
24 BUT I'M HERE TODAY AS A CITIZEN OF COMPTON. LAST NIGHT, I WAS
25 AT THE HEARING AND I'M QUITE SURE SOME OF YOU REMEMBER ME



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1 SPEAKING THAT I PASSED MINES OVER AND THERE WAS A LOT OF SAD,
2 VERY SAD, EMOTIONAL TESTIMONY AND I KNOW EACH ONE OF YOU WAS
3 CREATED BY GOD, AS WE WERE, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE TO FEEL
4 SOMETHING WITHIN YOUR HEART. GLORIA, I REMEMBER WHEN YOU CAME
5 BEFORE THE UNION. YOU WAS ONE OF OUR HARD FIGHTERS.

6

7 **MORRIS BIG HONEY GRIFFEN:** YEP, I REMEMBER.

8

9 **MAE THOMAS:** AND THAT'S THE HONEST TRUTH. AND I AM A HUMAN
10 PERSON. A VERY STRONG ONE. YVONNE BURKE, YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE
11 FOR YOU. NOW YOU SAT IN DEAN DANA'S SEAT. DEAN DANA WAS MY
12 SUPERVISOR BEFORE YVONNE. AND WHEN YOU CAME TO THAT UNION, YOU
13 HAD A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE. IT WASN'T LIKE IT IS NOW. YOU
14 PROMISED THIS AND YOU PROMISED THAT AND WE TOOK YOU ON YOUR
15 WORD. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU WAS ONCE A LITTLE BIT MORE MIDDLE
16 GROUND AND WHICH YOU ARE. YOU'VE CHANGED. AND, ANTONOVICH, YOU
17 WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OLIVE VIEW DIDN'T GET TOUCHED AND
18 WE DON'T WANT TO TOUCH IT. IT'S PART OF OUR SISTERS AND
19 BROTHERS IN THE UNION. BUT IT'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE,
20 SOMETHING DEEPLY WRONG. A YOUNG BOY'S FOOT WAS CUT OFF AT ONE
21 OF OUR SCHOOL SITES AND, INSTEAD OF TAKING THAT CHILD TO
22 MARTIN LUTHER KING TRAUMA CENTER, WHICH IS RIGHT DOWN THE
23 STREET, DAVIS IS ON WILMINGTON AND SO IS KING, THEY TOOK THAT
24 YOUNG MAN TO HARBOR GENERAL. THANK GOD HE'S STILL ALIVE. BUT
25 IT'S IN THE PLAN. WHY WOULD YOU TAKE THAT CHILD TO HARBOR



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1 GENERAL WHEN THE CHILD COULD HAVE WENT TO KING? I KNOW WE HAVE
2 PROBLEMS OVER THERE AT KING. I WORK AT KING. BUT WE'RE BEGGING
3 YOU, ON THE MERCY OF GOD, DON'T TAKE THE TRAUMA CENTER. WE'RE
4 GOING TO LOSE PEOPLE, HUMAN BEINGS. THEY'RE GOING TO DIE.
5 EVERY SOUL IS PRECIOUS IN THE EYES OF GOD. I'M NOT AGAINST THE
6 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. LET THEM HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER BUT WHY ARE
7 THEY TAKING OUR PEOPLE? WHEN I SAY "OUR PEOPLE," I MEAN KING
8 TRAUMA, OUR AREA, THE PEOPLE THAT COME TO US TO BUILD THEIR
9 TRAUMA CENTER. AND WHY ARE YOU TALKING SO BAD ABOUT KING? WE
10 WILL NEVER GET WHAT WE WANT OVER THERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE MADE
11 TRASH AND THE DOCTOR THAT SPOKE AND SAID A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
12 IS NEEDED? IT'S NEEDED. HELP US!

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

15

16 **MAE THOMAS:** I'M GOING TO BE OBEDIENT AND I KNOW MY TIME IS UP.
17 BUT, IN MY HEART, I HAVE GREAT TEARS. KING SAVED MY LIFE
18 BECAUSE I COULD HAVE HAD CANCER OF THE GALLBLADDER. KING SAVED
19 MY SON, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD. I BEG YOU TO THINK ABOUT
20 THIS. AND ALL THOSE POLITICIANS, IF YOU THINK THAT WAS A
21 MOVEMENT, THEN LET THE UNION COME DOWN WHO HELPED YOU GET IN
22 THOSE SEATS. I DO NO THREATENING FROM MY HEART. I HAVE NOTHING
23 IN MY HEART AGAINST ANY OF YOU. I'M JUST SAYING, HELP US. HELP
24 US FIND THE SOLUTION. SOMETHING HAPPENED AFTER YOU PUT YOUR
25 PEOPLE IN THERE. SOMEBODY IS CONSPIRACY BUT THEY'RE GOING TO



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1 ANSWER TO GOD. WE DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING. WE DON'T HAVE THE
2 ANSWER AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER AND I BELIEVE YOU WANT
3 THE ANSWER, I BELIEVE YOU'RE TRYING BUT SHOW US, GIVE US THE
4 MERCY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **MAE THOMAS:** HELP US, PLEASE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MORRIS, AND THEN GENEVIEVE, THEN ROBERT
11 LESLIE AND THEN ADRIANNE DOVE. HI, MORRIS. AND I LIKE YOUR
12 SUIT AND TIE BETTER THAN YOUR SHIRT LAST NIGHT. [LIGHT
13 LAUGHTER]

14

15 **MORRIS BIG HONEY GRIFFEN:** OH, THANKS, KNABE. FIRST I WANT TO
16 GIVE HONOR TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TO SPEAK
17 BEFORE YOU AND I WANT TO COMMEND YOU GUYS FOR TURNING OUT LAST
18 NIGHT LIKE YOU DID. IT'S OBVIOUS TO ALL OF US THAT THIS IS A
19 PROBLEM THAT WE CAN FIX, SO I'M JUST SAYING FOR THE RECORD,
20 LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT WE WANT YOU TO SAVE KING. ALSO, WE
21 FEEL THAT THERE'S A CONCERTED EFFORT IN THE ADMINISTRATION,
22 ESPECIALLY AFTER CAROL AND GARTHWAITE HAD THREE YEARS TO
23 EVALUATE THE ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND
24 RESPONSIBILITY AND, AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE WENT FROM 500 BEDS TO
25 150 BEDS. THIS LITERALLY GUTTED MARTIN LUTHER KING. IT IS SO



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1 DISRESPECTFUL, NOT ONLY TO THE NAME OF KING BUT IT'S ALSO
2 DISRESPECTFUL TO CHARLES R. DREW, WHO WE KNOW ARE SOME SERIOUS
3 ANCESTRAL LEADERS, NOT ONLY IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT BUT
4 IN DNA. BUT I THINK THE REASON WHY I'M UP HERE TODAY IS
5 BECAUSE WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS WORD "DIVERSION" AND WE'RE
6 CONCERNED ABOUT ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL OR ROBBING MARTIN
7 LUTHER KING AND CHARLES R. DREW TO PAY CALIFORNIA. WHEN WE
8 TALK ABOUT 1,200 PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO BE PUT OR DISPLACED TO
9 MAKE ANOTHER HOSPITAL ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY
10 DON'T EVEN MEET THE REQUIREMENTS YET. BUT YET WE'RE GOING TO
11 TAKE ONE THAT HAS SHOWN THEIR ACCOUNTABILITY AND
12 RESPONSIBILITY AND DEMOTE THEM TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE RISE UP.
13 WE THINK THIS IS WRONG. WE THINK THIS IS A CONCERTED EFFORT--
14 AND IT'S UNFAIR. IT'S UNFAIR TO US TO SEE THAT WE HAVE TO SIT
15 UP HERE AND FIGHT FOR A HOSPITAL THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO GO
16 DOWN THE WAY IT'S GOING. SO IT'S CLEAR TO US THAT THIS PROBLEM
17 CAN BE FIXED. WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU GUYS USE WISE AND GOOD
18 JUDGMENT. AND THIS CRITICISM THAT WE'RE SEEING IS THE KIND OF
19 CRITICISM THAT IS NEEDED BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S NOT THE
20 KIND OF CRITICISM THAT I THINK WE'RE DESERVING OF WHEN YOU
21 HAVE ALLOWED VARIOUS NURSES TO BE DISPLACED AND DEMOTED IN
22 TERMS OF SALARY. WE FOUND OUT THAT THE NURSES WERE NOT
23 PROPERLY PAID AND WE JUST HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MANAGEMENT WHO
24 ARE MANAGING THESE NURSES, DON KNABE. WE JUST HAVE A PROBLEM
25 WITH COMING TO WORK BEING STRESSED, COMING TO WORK BEING PUT



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1 IN SITUATIONS THAT IS NOT CONGENIAL TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT IN
2 WHICH THEY'RE WORKING. AND I DON'T THINK I NEED TO SAY ANY
3 MORE IN THAT REGARD BECAUSE MY TIME IS UP. SO I JUST HOPE YOU
4 USE GOOD JUDGMENT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MORRIS. GENEVIEVE, THEN IS IT
7 ROBERT, OR ARE YOU ADRIAN?

8

9 **ROBERT COLE:** ROBERT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ROBERT. ADRIAN DOVE, JOIN US. AND
12 THEN RAENA BANKS-NEAL.

13

14 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M GOING-- GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO USE MY TWO MINUTES PLUS THE TWO MINUTES
16 OF CHRIS EDWARDS. I AM VERY CONCERNED WHEN YOU SAY...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE DOING WHAT?

19

20 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I WAN TO USE-- CHRIS EDWARDS GAVE ME HER
21 TWO MINUTES. SHE SIGNED UP.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. JUST GO AHEAD.

24



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1 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU. I AM QUITE CONCERNED. YOU KNOW,
2 EVEN SO, YES, WE HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING YESTERDAY. MANY OF US
3 THOUGHT IT WAS A FARCE. AND, ON TODAY'S NEWSPAPER, ON THE
4 PASADENA SOUTH NEWS, THERE IS AN ARTICLE FROM ASSOCIATED
5 PRESS, WHO SAY AT LEAST ONE SUPERVISOR REFERRED TO MONDAY'S
6 HEARING AS A FORMALITY, SAYING OFFICIALS HAD ALREADY MADE
7 THEIR DECISION TO CLOSE IT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH
8 SUPERVISOR MADE THAT STATEMENT. I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO
9 DID BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S PITIFUL. AND WE ALL KNOW THOSE
10 HEARINGS WAS A FARCE BUT TO HAVE THE NERVE TO SAY TO A PRESS
11 IS APPALLING. I MEAN, I'M TOO-- I'M NOT EMOTIONAL. I AM ANGRY.
12 I'M ANGRY AT THE DECEIT. I AM ANGRY OF THE MISREPRESENTATION.
13 I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. OF COURSE,
14 THERE WAS ALSO ANOTHER ARTICLE QUOTING THAT MR. JOHN WALLACE
15 SAID THE PACT WE MADE WITH CALIFORNIA, I'M A VERY EXCELLENT
16 COMPREHENSION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND WHEN YOU SAY "PACT"
17 THAT MEANS A DEAL, AND YOU'VE MADE A DEAL. BUT, TWO WEEKS AGO,
18 AT _____, IT WAS AN ITEM TO APPROVE THE TRAUMA CENTER,
19 IT WAS ITEM 6. I DON'T KNOW IF I WAS THERE BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN
20 IT WAS OFF THE AGENDA. AND, YOU KNOW, THE PRICE WAS ON IT WAS
21 QUITE DIFFERENT ON THE PRICE WE'RE ON TODAY. I MEAN, YOU'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT INFLATION? THAT'S THE WORST INFLATION I HAVE
23 SEEN IN YEARS. INITIALLY, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO GIVE THEM 2.2
24 MILLION OF MEASURE B MONEY. TODAY, IT'S 3.3 MILLION. THAT'S AN
25 INCREASE OF 1.1 MILLION. THEN YOU HAD TO REALLOCATE 0.9



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1 MILLION OF MEASURE B MONEY. TODAY IT'S 1.9 MILLION. I MEAN,
2 WE'RE TALKING OF AN INCREASE OF 2.1 MILLION IN TWO WEEKS. IF
3 THAT'S NOT A DEAL, I DON'T BELIEVE IT, IT IS A DEAL. YOU MADE
4 A DEAL. I THINK THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR HAVE TO STOP AND I AGREE
5 WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAY YOU HAVE PUTTING DOWN, YOU HAVE
6 MIS-- YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME, IT'S SOMETHING BACK AT KING-- BOY,
7 IS _____ TIME. YOU KNOW, A FEW YEARS AGO, A FEW
8 PATIENTS DIE AT U.S.C. IN THE DIALYSIS UNIT AND IT WAS SO BAD,
9 IT WAS WORSE THAN ANYTHING THAT KING DREW HAVE DONE. THE
10 DIRECTOR OF NURSES KNEW SHE WAS SHORT. SHE LEFT THE UNIT,
11 LEAVING THE PATIENT TO DIE WITH UNQUALIFIED NURSES. I DIDN'T
12 SEE NO BIG DEAL ABOUT IT. IT WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, TALKED HERE
13 ONE DAY AND WE FORGOT ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW, ONE MAKE THE DEMAND
14 THAT WAS THE DIRECTOR OF NURSES WAS FIRED. SHE WAS NOT. SHE
15 WAS KIND OF LATERALLY MOVED. YOU KNOW, IS SOMETHING WRONG IN A
16 PICTURE WHEN YOU HAVE DR. GARTHWAITE AND FRED LEAF EVERY DAY
17 ON THE JOB FOR THE LAST 11 MONTHS TO TRY TO-- I WON'T SAY TRY
18 TO MANAGE KING DREW, TRY TO DESTROY IT AND TO, YOU KNOW,
19 TODAY, TO SEE THEM STILL HERE SMIRKING IS APPALLING. WHEN YOU
20 HAVE THE KIND OF PROBLEMS YOU HAVE HAD AT KING DREW, THE
21 PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE FIRED IS THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE. AND THE
22 PEOPLE IN CHARGE ARE FRED LEAF AND GARTHWAITE, AND IF YOU
23 DON'T FIRE THEM, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO NEED TO BE FIRED BECAUSE
24 YOU HAVE CLOSED YOUR EYES TO WHAT IS GOING ON AT KING DREW!
25 AND, YOU KNOW, _____ REHABILITATION, TO RAISE A



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1 CONTRACT OF 3.3 MILLION FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD, DON'T TELL ME
2 IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY. THE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA
3 HEALTHCARE CORPORATION MAKES \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR OF SALARY AND
4 HE GETS TWO MILLION OF FORGIVABLE LOAN. WITH THAT MONEY, YOU
5 COULD TAKE CARE OF THE INDIGENT PATIENTS. WE DON'T NEED TO
6 GIVE THEM ANY MORE OF OUR MONEY. AND, FOR THE RECORD, I WOULD
7 LIKE THAT DOCUMENT TO BE PASSED TO THE SUPERVISORS AND TO FIRE
8 THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** FOR THE RECORD, THOUGH, GENEVIEVE, HAVEN'T
13 YOU BEEN BEFORE US TO TELL US TO CLOSE DOWN KING ON A PREVIOUS
14 OCCASION?

15

16 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ME? NEVER.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, MA'AM? SIR. I'M SORRY.

19

20 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I SAID TO FIRE GARTHWAITE AND FRED LEAF,
21 NOT TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL.

22

23 **ROBERT LESLIE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRPERSON AND THE
24 DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROBERT LESLIE.
25 LET ME JUST SIMPLY-- I WAS GOING TO ADDRESS THE MEASURE A



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1 INITIATIVE ITSELF THERE BUT IT SEEMED LIKE IT HAD BEEN SO
2 ELOQUENTLY COVERED WITH CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS AND
3 OTHERS, SO I WON'T GET INTO THAT. BUT THE THING THAT I'M
4 GETTING HERE IS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FUNDING IS NOT A ISSUE,
5 YOU'RE TALKING-- IT WAS SPECIFIED THAT IT WAS NEVER ANYTHING
6 WITH ANY TYPE OF INCOMPETENCY UPON THE PART OF THE PHYSICIANS
7 OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT IN THE TRAUMA CENTER. IT WASN'T ANYTHING
8 DEALING WITH ANY TYPE OF CORRUPTION WITH PERSONNEL IN THE
9 TRAUMA CENTER. BUT YET, INSTEAD, WE'RE LOOKING AT THE FACT
10 THAT WE'RE GOING TO MOVE AND CLOSE A TRAUMA CENTER WHICH IS SO
11 VITAL TO THE SERVICE, NOT ONLY TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, BUT HAS
12 BEEN A SERVICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL AND THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY
13 FOR ITS TRAINING AND SERVICE THERE. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A
14 FACILITY THAT HAS SERVICED AND TRAINED PHYSICIANS THROUGHOUT
15 THE WORLD AS WELL AS MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT GOING OVER TO
16 IRAQ AT THIS TIME. SO THE THING IS, YOU NEED TO REALLY ASSESS
17 HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOMETIME
18 OR ANOTHER-- IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOME TYPE OF AUDIT UPON THE
19 BEHALF OF THE SUPERVISORS TO SEE IF THE MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF
20 THIS WAS FAILING. AND, IF IT WAS FAILING, AT SOME POINT OR
21 ANOTHER, YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD SOME TIME, IN OTHER WORDS, TO
22 CORRECT THAT BEFORE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOU WANT TO CLOSE A
23 FACILITY THAT'S SO VITAL TO THE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO
24 THAT, LET ME JUST SAY THIS REAL QUICK. FROM THE LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT, AS A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER, I END UP WITH A



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1 INCIDENT AT THE AIRPORT THAT WE HAD TO TRANSPORT THE SUSPECT
2 TO KING DREW WHO SAVED THE LIFE WHO TURNED OUT TO BE-- HAVE
3 VITAL INFORMATION TO THE D.A. AGENTS TO THE DETAIL THAT I WAS
4 WORKING. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WHEN I WAS WORKING AT THE
5 HARBOR, WE HAD A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT WHERE THE NERVES WERE
6 SEVERED. THEY HAD TO SEND THAT PERSON TO KING DREW INSTEAD OF
7 TO HARBOR. IT'S A VERY, VERY VITAL FACILITY THAT YOU NEED TO
8 CONSIDER ABOUT TRYING TO MAINTAIN BEFORE YOU THINKING ABOUT
9 CLOSING IT, BECAUSE THERE'S OTHER ALTERNATIVES WITHOUT CLOSING
10 THIS FACILITY DOWN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ADRIAN AND THEN RAENA
13 BANKS-NEAL. ARE YOU HERE?

14

15 **RAENA BANKS-NEAL:** I DON'T KNOW WHERE ADRIAN IS. I'M RAENA
16 BANKS-NEAL.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THEN ASK SHAWN FLOYD
19 TO JOIN US, LEANNETTE HILL, AND NATE HOLDEN

20

21 **RAENA BANKS-NEAL:** OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. MY NAME IS RAENA
22 BANKS-NEAL. I'M A RESIDENT OF INGLEWOOD BUT I AM AN ORGANIZER
23 IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, MS.
24 MOLINA HAS ESCAPED US, I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS BUT I-- SHE'S
25 THERE-- I JUST WANT TO SAY, IT'S A LITTLE BIT INFURIATING TO



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1 ME THAT WHERE OUR COMMUNITY IS GETTING PUSHED OFF AS JUST
2 BEING EMOTIONAL. WE ARE-- OUR EMOTIONS ARE AROUSED BUT WE HAVE
3 LOOKED AT FACTS AND WE HAVE ASKED FOR FACTS. SO THAT'S A
4 LITTLE BIT DISTURBING TO ME. AND IT MAY NOT JUST BE A
5 POLITICAL ISSUE BUT THAT'S WHAT IT'S LOOKING LIKE TO PEOPLE IN
6 THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THAT'S WHO I WORK WITH. I'M AN ORGANIZER
7 FOR THOSE PEOPLE. THEY'RE VOTERS. I REPRESENT 445,000 VOTERS
8 IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. AND WHEN WE SEEM TO BE
9 CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE MONEY AND MEASURE B
10 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, THOUGH WE MAY NOT HAVE THE FACTS
11 STRAIGHT, IF THAT'S WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS SAYING AND IT
12 DOESN'T MATCH YOUR RHETORIC, I MEAN, WE GET CONFUSED AND WE
13 BEGIN TO NOT TRUST WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, YOUR MEASURES OR EVEN
14 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND IF MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU WERE SAYING THAT
15 IT'S POSSIBLE TO-- WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO OPEN THE CAL TRAUMA
16 CENTER AND HAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHY CAN'T WE DO THAT? IF
17 THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVES TO HAVING US DO THAT, THEN IT SEEMS
18 TO ME THAT YOU GUYS HAVE FAILED US. MR. ANTONOVICH IS SPITTING
19 OUT ALL THESE THINGS ABOUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE HOSPITAL.
20 THAT'S NOT JUST OUR PROBLEM, IT'S NOT KING'S PROBLEM, IT'S
21 YOUR PROBLEM. SO YOU GUYS SHOULD BE VERY EMOTIONAL ATTACHED AS
22 WELL BECAUSE IT'S YOUR PROBLEM AND YOU FAILED US, SO I WANTED
23 TO EXPRESS THAT AND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, IF WE CAN'T HAVE YOU
24 GUYS REPRESENTING US AND YOU'RE IN A POSITION WHERE THOSE
25 VOTERS, 450,000 AT LEAST THAT I KNOW I REPRESENT, THEN WE HAVE



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1 TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE NOT IN THE POSITION TO REPRESENT US
2 BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT REPRESENTING OUR NEEDS. THANK YOU. [
3 APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

6

7 **SHAWN FLOYD:** YES, SIR. MY NAME IS SHAWN FLOYD. DISTINGUISHED
8 PANEL, I'M HERE FOR ONE REASON AND ONE REASON ONLY.
9 ALTERNATIVE TO SAVING THE TRAUMA CENTER. AND I NEED NUMBERS SO
10 I CAN BE ABLE TO MAYBE GO BACK, DO SOME BRAINSTORMING, SOME
11 THINKING AND COME UP WITH A CREATIVE IDEA TO HELP US REACH
12 THAT GOAL. SO WHO CAN I GO TO? WHO CAN I TALK TO, TO GET THE
13 SPECIFIC NUMBERS THAT MAKE YOU GUYS HAPPY IN SEEING THAT
14 TRAUMA CENTER RAN?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** MOST OF IT IS IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. BUT SOMEONE
17 MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU MORE DETAIL ON THAT.

18

19 **SHAWN FLOYD:** PLEASE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SEE WHO CAN GIVE YOU MORE DETAIL. BUT IT'S
22 ALL IN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

23

24 **SHAWN FLOYD:** YEAH. I WAS JUST TRYING TO CUT CORNERS. IF I CAN
25 GET IT FROM YOU GUYS, YOU KNOW, FANTASTIC.



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1

2 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE'S A LOT OF NUMBERS.

3

4 **SHAWN FLOYD:** IT'S OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH. IS THERE ANY-- MIKE DAVIS, I'M SURE, WOULD
7 HELP YOU GET SOME OF THE INFORMATION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** RIGHT HERE. THE GENTLEMAN RIGHT HERE.

10

11 **SHAWN FLOYD:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** FIND OUT WHAT NUMBERS HE'S TRYING TO FIND.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES. GO AHEAD.

18

19 **LEANNETTE HILL:** I'M LEANNETTE HILL AND I'M HERE TO URGE EACH
20 AND EVERY SUPERVISOR TO SUPPORT KING DREW MEDICAL TRAUMA
21 CENTER. I DON'T THINK THAT WHAT GARTHWAITE AND HIS GROUP HAS
22 SUGGESTED IS REALLY THE RIGHT MEDICINE. THIS IS CUT, SLASH,
23 BURN, MEDIEVAL KIND OF MEDICINE. WE NEED A HOLISTIC APPROACH
24 TO SAVING OUR TRAUMA CENTER, TO SAVING OUR TRAUMA CARE NETWORK
25 AND NOT LETTING IT YIELD TO THE PRIVATIZATION THAT IS COMING



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1 THAT WILL ONLY GIVE HEALTHCARE TO THE VERY RICH AND NOT TO THE
2 POOR, INDIGENT AND THE PEOPLE OF COLOR. AND TO CLOSE A KING
3 DREW HOSPITAL IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA THAT WE KNOW AS SOUTH
4 CENTRAL L.A. WOULD HAVE A GENOCIDAL AFFECT. THIS IS A CIVIL
5 RIGHTS ISSUE AS WELL AS A HEALTHCARE ISSUE AND THIS HEALTHCARE
6 ISSUE DEMANDS A HOLISTIC APPROACH AND NOT A CUT, SLASH AND
7 BURN MEDIEVAL, HEATHENISTIC, UNCARING, UNFEELING, SATANIC
8 APPROACH. AND I WOULD HOPE THAT EACH AND EVERY YOU WOULD FIND
9 IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO LOOK AT THIS CLOSELY AND LOOK AT IT VERY,
10 VERY WELL AS TO WHAT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS WILL MEAN TO A
11 COMMUNITY IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. AND IN GENERAL FOR THE WHOLE
12 CALIFORNIA NETWORK TRAUMA CARE THAT WE HAVE HERE IN THIS
13 CALIFORNIA REGION AND IN THE WORLD, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE STEM
14 CELL RESEARCH. WE HAVE A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS THAT
15 CALIFORNIA IS BEING KNOWN FOR AS THE HEALTHCARE AND A VERY
16 HEALTHY PLACE, AT LEAST HEALTHWISE, AND WE NEED TO KEEP THAT
17 REPUTATION UP AS CALIFORNIANS AND AS TAXPAYERS AND AS PEOPLE
18 IN GENERAL, AS HUMAN BEINGS, BECAUSE WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS
19 CUT, SLASH, AND BURN MEDIEVAL PRACTICE OF MISMANAGEMENT OF OUR
20 HEALTHCARE AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NATE?

23

24 **NATE HOLDEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, I WAS NOT GOING TO SPEAK
25 BUT I THINK IT'S NECESSARY AT THIS POINT IN TIME TO COMPLIMENT



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1 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR SPENDING, LIKE,
2 SIX-PLUS HOURS LAST NIGHT AND ANOTHER FIVE-PLUS HOURS TODAY TO
3 HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY. NOW, I CAN'T ADD ANYTHING MORE THAN
4 WHAT THEY'VE ALREADY SAID. THEY SPILLED THEIR GUTS, THEY SPOKE
5 FROM THEIR HEART AND THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY QUALIFIED TO TELL
6 THE STORY BETTER THAN I BECAUSE THEY EITHER LIVE IN THE
7 COMMUNITY THERE AND OR THEY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT WE DO
8 KNOW THAT THERE'S A NEED. I MEAN, WHAT ELSE CAN YOU SAY AFTER
9 ALL THAT'S BEEN SAID? I JUST SEE SOME INHERENT PROBLEMS,
10 HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE JUST A HUNDRED-PLUS PATIENTS IN THAT
11 HOSPITAL. THAT'S MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN SOME OF THE PROBLEMS
12 WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING AND THERE'S PROBABLY A GOOD REASON FOR
13 THAT BUT WE HAVE TO TURN THAT AROUND AS WELL OR YOU WILL HAVE
14 SOME PROBLEMS RETAINING THE HOSPITAL AS WE NOW KNOW IT. I
15 THINK-- I'VE BEEN SITTING IN YOUR CHAIR AND I JUST HAPPENED TO
16 BE OVER HERE TODAY. BUT LET ME JUST SAY THAT, TO THE BEST OF
17 MY UNDERSTANDING, MEDI-CAL PATIENT AND I CAN GO TO ANY
18 HOSPITAL. SO, THEREFORE, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THE PRIVATE
19 HOSPITAL IS COMPETING FOR THOSE PATIENTS AS WELL. AS LONG AS
20 WE KEEP GIVING A BAD IMAGE TO KING, THEN THEY'RE GOING TO
21 ELECT TO GO TO THOSE OTHER HOSPITALS AND THE PATIENT LOAD IS
22 GOING TO GO DOWN. WE HAVE TO TURN THAT AROUND. WE HAVE BE MORE
23 COMPETITIVE IN ORDER TO GET THEM THERE. WE HAVE TO ALSO SHOW
24 THAT WE HAVE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AS WE ONCE HAD AT KING AND I
25 THINK IT WILL WORK OUT. MR. ANTONOVICH WAS THE ONE HERE, WHEN



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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN WAS HERE AND THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE HONORED FROM
2 KING FOR HAVING REATTACHED LEGS, REATTACHED LIMBS, SAVED
3 PEOPLE WHO WERE PRONOUNCED DEAD, BROUGHT THEM BACK AND MADE
4 THEM ALIVE. WE BROUGHT THEM RIGHT HERE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS AND, ON SOME OCCASIONS, WHEN I HEARD ABOUT IT AND
6 I GOT TO THE COUNCIL, I WOULD BRING THEM TO THE COUNCIL TO
7 SHOW THAT A LOT OF GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE AT KING IN TERMS OF
8 PROVIDING THE BEST HEALTHCARE FOR THE PEOPLE AND THIS
9 COMMUNITY. BUT THAT CAN HAPPEN AGAIN. I BELIEVE IT CAN AND I'M
10 SURE WE CAN WORK TO MAKE THAT OUR GOAL AND ACHIEVE IT AS SUCH.
11 ONCE AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M HONORED TO BE HERE TO THANK YOU
12 AND THE MEMBERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. I HAD A DREAM ABOUT SOME
13 OF YOU GUYS LAST NIGHT, IT WAS THAT MUCH IN MY MIND, AND I
14 THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANKS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE IT.

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO BE VERY
25 CLEAR THAT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL IS SOMETHING, THAT TWO YEARS



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1 AGO, I WROTE A LETTER SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL AS BEING
2 ADDED TO THE TRAUMA NETWORK. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, IN TERMS
3 OF MY DISTRICT, WHICH-- MY DISTRICT STARTS ACROSS THE STREET
4 AND THE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED ARE AREAS THAT ARE
5 ADJACENT AND ARE INCLUSIVE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. THE 10
6 FREEWAY, THERE ARE A LOT OF ACCIDENTS ON THE 10 FREEWAY, AND
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE HURT ON THAT 10 FREEWAY HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO
8 AT PRESENT IN TERMS OF ANY TRAUMA NETWORK. SO CALIFORNIA
9 HOSPITAL IS VERY IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, THE UNFORTUNATE PART OF
10 WHAT I'VE HEARD IS THAT SOMEHOW THIS WHOLE THING HAS BEEN
11 TWISTED INTO SOME PRIORITY OR HAVING PART OF A DECISION AS IT
12 RELATES TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. AND I THINK THAT'S THE
13 VERY TRAGIC THING. IT'S UNFAIR TO CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. IT'S
14 REALLY UNFAIR TO PEOPLE WHO USE THE TRAUMA NETWORK. BUT THE
15 REALITY IS, THIS PERCEPTION HAS BEEN PASSED ON AND IT HAS BEEN
16 REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN UNTIL, AT THIS POINT, MANY PEOPLE
17 ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL HAS
18 SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CLOSING OF THE TRAUMA CENTER AT
19 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD MOVE
20 THAT WE CONTINUE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS BECAUSE, IF WE VOTE ON
21 THIS TODAY, THE IMPRESSIONS GIVEN THAT WE'RE VOTING ON THIS AS
22 A PRECURSOR TO CLOSING THE TRAUMA CENTER AT MARTIN LUTHER KING
23 HOSPITAL.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'LL SECOND THAT MOTION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I BELIEVE WE NEED TO PUT IT OVER AND NOT TO
3 HAVE IT IN THAT POSITION.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. GARTHWAITE. CALIFORNIA
6 HOSPITAL IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING A PART OF THE TRAUMA
7 SYSTEM IN TWO WEEKS, IN DECEMBER. DELAYING THIS ACTION TODAY,
8 DOES THAT NOT DELAY CALIFORNIA'S HOSPITAL'S ABILITY TO BE
9 ONLINE DECEMBER 1?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, I WOULD HAVE TO TALK TO THEM BUT
12 I THINK FOR THEM TO MAKE ADEQUATE PLANS AND DO THE KIND OF
13 PLANNING THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO BRING IT UP, IT WOULD
14 DELAY. I MEAN, IN MY MIND, IT WOULD BUT I CAN CERTAINLY FIND
15 THAT OUT FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS THERE. BUT, IN MY MIND, IF I
16 WERE RUNNING A HOSPITAL AND I WASN'T SURE...

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THE C.O. OF THE HOSPITAL IN THE
19 AUDIENCE IF-- THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, DOES A WEEK-- ARE WE
20 TALKING ABOUT A WEEK'S DELAY?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** TWO WEEKS.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TWO WEEKS' DELAY WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT.
25 I BELIEVE THERE IS A URGENT NEED TO HAVE TRAUMA UP OPERATING



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1 AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND FOR US TO PUT IN A BUREAUCRATIC
2 DELAY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF PROVIDING QUALITY CARE
3 TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY WHO MAY BE INJURED. AND I WOULD
4 BE OPPOSED TO A DELAY BECAUSE IT WOULD DISRUPT THE HOSPITAL'S
5 ABILITY TO COME ONLINE IN DECEMBER. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR
6 YOUR HOSPITAL TO COME ONLINE?

7

8 **HELEN LEADHOLM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS HELEN LEADHOLM, I'M
9 THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL. WE ARE
10 WORKING AND HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH L.A. COUNTY FOR ABOUT TWO
11 AND A HALF YEARS TO JOIN THE TRAUMA NETWORK AND, IN ORDER FOR
12 US TO BE READY BY DECEMBER 1ST, WHICH IS THE REQUEST, WE ARE
13 ALREADY GETTING VERY CLOSE. EVERY DAY THAT PASSES MAKES IT
14 MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO HAVE PHYSICIANS AND STAFF READY. NOW,
15 IF THE DECISION WERE TO BE MADE TODAY, WE WOULD BE READY,
16 DECEMBER 1. IF THE DECISION WERE POSTPONED A COUPLE OF WEEKS,
17 WE WOULD NOT BE READY DECEMBER 1. WE WOULD HAVE TO DELAY.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, I WOULD...

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HOW LONG WOULD YOU HAVE TO DELAY?

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23 **HELEN LEADHOLM:** PARDON ME?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** HOW LONG WOULD YOU HAVE TO DELAY? A WEEK?



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2 **HELEN LEADHOLM:** PROBABLY-- EVERY WEEK DELAYS US ANOTHER WEEK.
3 EVERY DAY, WE TELL THE PHYSICIANS WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE
4 TO START DECEMBER 1, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE OTHER
5 ARRANGEMENTS. MOST OF OUR DOCTORS MAKE ARRANGEMENTS MONTHS IN
6 ADVANCE. SO IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO RESPOND TO THAT. AT LEAST
7 TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF
10 PROVIDING QUALITY CARE, I WOULD MOVE THAT WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE
11 MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEM TODAY AND THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND TO THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION?
14 SUPERVISOR BURKE MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THE ITEM TWO WEEKS.
15 I SECONDED IT. THERE'S BEEN A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO APPROVE THE
16 ITEM AND MOVE FORWARD TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD TODAY AND BE UP AND
19 OPERATING BY THE 1ST OF DECEMBER, WHICH IS CRITICAL FOR OUR
20 ABILITY TO PROVIDE TRAUMA CARE SYSTEM TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS
21 COUNTY. THIS IS A HEALTH ISSUE, NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE. AND TO
22 MOVE FORWARD IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HEALTH, WE SHOULD TAKE
23 ACTION TODAY.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND TO SUPERVISOR
2 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION? YAROSLAVSKY. OKAY. ROLL CALL ON
3 SUBSTITUTE MOTION.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO APPROVE THE
6 ITEM?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** ABSTAIN.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

25



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MOTION CARRIES. FOUR AND ONE ABSTENTION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS APPROVED. WE HAVE ONE
8 REMAINING ITEM AND THAT'S A REPORT FROM THE C.A.O. ON ITEM 59
9 OR IS THAT BEING CONTINUED?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THE REQUEST IS TO RECEIVE THE REPORT.
12 OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO BUDGET.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE RECOMMENDATION IS ITEM 59 IS TO REFER
17 TO BUDGET. CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE ADJOURNMENT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S SEE. I DID MINE. I THINK I WAS
22 STILL UP, SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ADJOURNMENTS?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
4 IN THE MEMORY OF ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE ANTELOPE
5 VALLEY, HENRY IVAN DORSETT. IVAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94
6 THIS PAST WEEK. HE WAS RIDING WITH US ON OUR ANNUAL OR
7 BIENNIAL TRAIL RIDES THAT WE HAD-- UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.
8 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, CLAUDIA AVIS CARNEY AND MANY
9 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE AND HIS FAMILY, AT THE AGE OF THREE,
10 WENT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHERE THEY SETTLED A 200-ACRE
11 HOMESTEAD AT FREEMONT ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE ANTELOPE
12 VALLEY. HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY,
13 WHERE HE SERVED WITH THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN THE SOUTH
14 PACIFIC. AFTER THE ARMY, HE BECAME A FEDERAL INVESTIGATOR FOR
15 THE LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD AND RETIRED WHEN HE LATER BECAME
16 INVOLVED IN SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE
17 HELPED DEVELOP THE LANCASTER SENIOR CENTER AND THE FORMATION
18 OF THE DIAL-A-RIDE IN THE VALLEY. AND HE WORKED VERY CLOSELY
19 WITH ME AND MY STAFF DURING THE TIME THAT I REPRESENTED THE
20 AREA. IN THE YEAR 2000, IVAN WAS HONORED AS THE SENIOR CITIZEN
21 OF THE YEAR FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF
22 THE INGLEWOOD CHAPTER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, A
23 LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE VETERANS OF
24 FOREIGN WARS, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER OF
25 THE A.A.R.P., MEMBER OF THE ELK'S LODGE, A MASTER MASON AND



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1 THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE, WHERE HE WAS ACTIVE ALSO IN THE
2 CURRENT ANTELOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROCKWELL ROD AND GUN CLUB,
3 L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION, A
4 LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL
5 EMPLOYEES AND ALSO ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN ACTIVITIES. MARTHA
6 SOLOW, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE BROUGHT IN THE MOTION AS WELL, WHO
7 IS THE MOTHER OF DAVID, OUR C.E.O. OF METROLINK. MARIA MARA
8 SKROPETA. SHE WAS BORN IN BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA. SHE WAS THE
9 ELDEST DAUGHTER OF NIKO AND DRAGICA GAGRO, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
10 COMMUNITY AND ALSO SHE WAS A BUSINESSWOMAN IN LAS VEGAS AND
11 SHE LEAVES HER SISTERS, LUBY BROS NADABUNTAGE, STEVE GAILICH
12 AND A DAUGHTER AND THREE BROTHERS. I SHOULD SAY THREE SONS.
13 ALSO MOVE IN MEMORY OF KENNETH SWENSON, WHO IS A RETIRED
14 LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
15 WHO RETIRED ON NOVEMBER 11TH. SUSAN SULLIVAN [KELLY], WHO, FOR
16 THE PAST-- GRADUATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE,
17 WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY, WORKED FOR
18 GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN AND THEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE L.A.
19 CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF AGING FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. WILLIAM
20 NORLUND, A RESIDENT OF GRENADA HILLS. HE SERVED AS VICE
21 PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE
22 AND ALSO AS A PRESIDENT UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1995 OF LOS
23 ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE. COLONEL DALE DENMAN, WHO IS A
24 GRADUATE OF WEST POINT AND A RETIRED UNITED STATES ARMY
25 COLONEL AND WE'D LEAVE MEMORY IN HIS SON AND HIS DAUGHTER AND



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1 SON-IN-LAW, BEN STEIN. SATIKIN KSADJIKIAN, WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR,
2 SHE LEAVES TWO SONS, HENRY AND HARRY. SHE PASSED AWAY. AND
3 J.P. BLECKSMITH, LIEUTENANT BLECKSMITH, GRADUATE OF FLINTRIDGE
4 PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN LA CANADA. HE WAS A 24-YEAR-OLD GRADUATE
5 OF THE ANNAPOLIS NAVAL ACADEMY AND IN THE MARINE CORPS AS A
6 PLATOON COMMANDER. HE WAS KILLED IN IRAQ THIS PAST WEEK. HE
7 WAS ALSO THE STAR QUARTERBACK AT FLINTRIDGE AND A ROLE MODEL.
8 AND PHYLLIS MCCARVILLE, MONROVIA. SHE SERVED AS CITY CLERK FOR
9 ONE TERM AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL FOR
10 FIVE YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, RAY. THOSE ARE MY
11 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN. OH, ONE
16 THING. I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE-- I DON'T KNOW IF WE PUT IT ON
17 THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK OR DO IT AS A DIRECTIVE. IF WE COULD
18 HAVE-- DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO DEVELOP A PLAN WITH THE
19 PROPOSITION PASSAGE OF 1-A WITH THE FINANCIAL STABILITY BEING
20 RETURNED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS,
21 IF WE COULD HAVE THE C.A.O. PREPARE FOR THE BOARD A
22 RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE FUNDS THAT ARE COMING AND HOW THEY
23 SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED. SO I DON'T KNOW IF WE PUT THAT ON AS A
24 AGENDA ITEM OR WE JUST DIRECT YOU AND THE C.E.O. A REPORT BACK



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1 TO THE BOARD IN TWO, THREE, FOUR WEEKS? OKAY. THANK YOU, MR.
2 CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANKSGIVING DAY WILL BE FINE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH, YEAH, ONE MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A
7 REWARD OF \$10,000 FOR THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF ARMANDO
8 GARCIA FOR THE DEATH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DAVID MARSH.
9 THIS REWARD WAS TO EXPIRE ON THE 18TH, SO WE'RE MOVING THAT
10 THE MOTION FOR THIS REWARD BE EXTENDED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SECOND. SO ORDERED. IS THAT IT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?
17 SUPERVISOR BURKE? ADJOURNMENTS?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY OF LENNOX MILLER, A U.S.C GRADUATE AND OLYMPIC SPRINTER
21 FOR JAMAICA WHO WON A SILVER MEDAL IN 1968 AND A BRONZE MEDAL
22 IN 1972, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58. HE HELD THE U.S.C.
23 RECORD OF THE 100-YARD DASH TIMED AT 9:02 AND WAS RUNNER UP IN
24 THE NCAA FINALS, HELPING THE TROJANS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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1 IN BOTH YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTERS, INGA AND
2 HEATHER AND HIS WIFE, AVRIL.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO SECOND.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL MEMBERS. IS THAT IT? OKAY. PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. ASK THAT JOHN STITES, DAVE GILLOTTE, ERIC ALBERTSON
8 AND STEVE, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. STEVE, ERIC, DAVE AND
9 JOHN.

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11 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** I WAS GOING TO SAY GOOD MORNING...

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST.

14

15 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** FOR THE RECORD, DAVE GILLOTTE, I'M PRESIDENT OF
16 THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1014. I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE
17 BEFORE. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. I WAS GOING TO SAY GOOD
18 MORNING BUT IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON AND I FOLLOWED YOU ALL NIGHT
19 LAST NIGHT. I COMMEND YOU GUYS FOR HANGING IN THERE AND
20 DEALING WITH THE DIFFICULT ISSUES BEFORE YOU. I REPRESENT
21 NEARLY 3,000 FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS AND FIRE PERSONNEL AND,
22 OF COURSE, AS YOU KNOW, I'M AN ACTIVE DUTY FIREFIGHTER. AND IT
23 SEEMS LIKE, BEFORE I COME DOWN HERE, IT HAS BECOME THE
24 TRADITION THAT I GET A LATE NIGHT FIRE, WHICH HAPPENED LAST
25 NIGHT, SO BEAR WITH ME. I KNOW YOUR PLATE IS QUITE FULL AND I



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1 SPEAK WITH GREAT RESPECT FOR THE ISSUES THAT WERE BEFORE YOU
2 HERE TODAY. I MUST, HOWEVER, TAKE A MOMENT TO JUST BRIEF YOU
3 ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AFFECTING YOUR FIREFIGHTERS AND
4 PARAMEDICS AND FIRE PERSONNEL. WE ARE NOW ABOUT TWO AND A HALF
5 YEARS-- TWO AND THREE QUARTER YEARS WITHOUT A CONTRACT AND
6 VIRTUALLY NO PROGRESS AT THE TABLE. WE ARE ALL AT IMPASSE.
7 WE'VE BEEN PATIENT, WE'VE WORKED HARD TO HELP SECURE LOCAL
8 GOVERNMENT MONIES AND KEEP THOSE MONIES LOCAL. MY MEMBERSHIP
9 VOTED RECENTLY TO REJECT THE CONTRACT OFFER THE COUNTY PUT
10 FORWARD WITH A 99.4% MARGIN AND WE HAD OVER 63% OF THE BALLOTS
11 RETURNED. AND I WAS DIRECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP TO DELIVER THAT
12 VOTE HERE TO YOU TODAY AND THAT WAS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF MY
13 VISIT. WE ARE AT IMPASSE WITH NO EFFORTS TO GET BACK TO THE
14 TABLE. I'M NOT HERE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT IT BUT JUST TO LET YOU
15 KNOW THAT THE LEVELS OF FRUSTRATION AND THE DECLINING MORALE
16 OF THE TROOPS GROWS DAILY WITHIN THE FIREFIGHTING RANKS AND IT
17 JUST CAN'T CONTINUE. I'M HERE TO SUGGEST A SOLUTION TO THE
18 PROBLEM. WE SOLVE MANY OF OUR ISSUES THROUGH COMMITTEE WORK
19 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND I THINK WE HAVE A NUMBER OF WHAT I'M
20 GOING TO CALL EITHER MINOR ISSUES OR SMALL UNIT ISSUES THAT
21 PERHAPS WE COULD DIRECT TO THE FIRE CHIEF FOR DEPARTMENT UNION
22 COMMITTEE AND WORK ON THOSE ISSUES. I'M A PROBLEM SOLVER, SO
23 IS THE FIRE CHIEF AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON A LOT OF ISSUES IN
24 THAT FASHION AND I THINK WE COULD RESOLVE A NUMBER OF ISSUES
25 IF WE DO THAT. AND I'LL PROVIDE A WRITTEN LIST TO YOU THIS



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1 WEEK. AND, LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE DIRECT THE C.A.O.'S
2 BARGAINING TEAMS TO RETURN TO THE TABLE IN LIGHT OF THE VOTE.
3 LET'S GET THIS DONE, ALL THE FACTS, THE FIGURES ARE IN. GIVE
4 THEM THE AUTHORITY AND THE ABILITY TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES AND
5 WE LIKEWISE NEED TO GET BACK TO THAT TABLE WITH THE SAME
6 RESOLVE. WE'RE ALL PROBLEM SOLVERS AND, IF WE GET BACK TO THE
7 TABLE, WE CAN GET THIS DONE. WE'RE HEADING INTO THE THIRD YEAR
8 NOW WITHOUT A CONTRACT, AND I THINK ALL OF US WANT TO CLEAR
9 THIS ISSUE OFF OF OUR PLATE AND OFF OF YOUR PLATE AND SO
10 THAT'S WHAT MY SUGGESTION IS, AND I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT TO YOU
11 THAT WE BOTH WORK HARD TO GET THAT ACCOMPLISHED. THANK YOU.

12

13 **JOHN STITES:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU TO THE
14 BOARD FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS JOHN
15 STITES AND I AM THE PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING SOME
17 6,800 MEMBERS, BOTH ACTIVE AND RETIRED. PRIMARILY, I AM HERE
18 BECAUSE I AM PLEADING FOR THE UNIT 612, 450 MEMBERS STRONG WHO
19 REPRESENT THE SERGEANTS, LIEUTENANTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ALSO THE SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATORS
21 AND THE LIEUTENANTS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE HAVE
22 BEEN AT IMPASSE FOR OVER TWO YEARS, ALONG WITH THREE OTHER
23 UNITS THAT ARE IN MY UNION. WE SENT OUT THE LAST CONTRACT
24 OFFER TO OUR MEMBERS AND ASKED THEM, GIVE US SOME SIGN ON WHAT
25 YOU WANT US TO DO. THEY REJECTED IT IN EXCESS OF 98%. WE ARE



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1 PROHIBITED TO STRIKE OR TAKE ANY JOB ACTION BECAUSE WE ARE LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT. I FIRMLY AGREE WITH THAT, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND
3 PERSONALLY. WE HAVE A HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY, I RECOGNIZE THAT.
4 WE PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY. I'VE RECOGNIZED THAT FOR NEARLY A
5 QUARTER OF A CENTURY. WE'VE BEEN THERE FOR THE FIRES, THE
6 RIOTS, THE EARTHQUAKES AND THE ACTS OF TERRORISM AND OUR
7 PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO DEFEND THE PUBLIC AND WE HAVE
8 DONE THAT. WE'VE DONE OUR JOBS. BUT I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT AND
9 SUBMIT TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE A HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY. WHEN
10 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BECOMES COLLECTIVE BEGGING, I CONSIDER
11 IT AN AFFRONT TO MY ORGANIZATION AND THOSE I REPRESENT IN
12 PUBLIC SAFETY IN GENERAL. I ASK FOR A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
13 CHANCE TO ACHIEVE A CONTRACT. I'M ASKING YOU TO DIRECT MR.
14 JANSSEN TO SEND HIS NEGOTIATION TEAM BACK TO THE TABLES, TO
15 SIT DOWN WITH US SO WE CAN DISCUSS A FAIR AND EQUITABLE
16 CONTRACT. THAT'S WHAT I ASK YOU TO DO. THE ONLY PEOPLE IN MY
17 UNION THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GAIN A SALARY INCREASE IN THE
18 PAST TWO YEARS IS MY RETIREES AND THEY DO THAT THROUGH
19 L.A.C.E.R.A. WHAT THEY'VE GAINED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS IS
20 BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY THE COUNTY FOR A
21 NEARLY FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT. AGAIN, LET'S
22 GET BACK TO THE TABLE. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE
23 GIVEN ME TO ADDRESS YOU.
24



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1 **ERIC ALBERTSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
2 ERIC ALBERTSON. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING 800-- OVER 800 MARINE
4 SAFETY PROFESSIONALS. WE, TOO, HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A CONTRACT
5 FOR OVER TWO YEARS. ON OCTOBER 25TH OF THIS YEAR, WE WENT TO
6 OUR MEMBERSHIP AND ASKED THEM TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S
7 LATEST OFFER. OUR MEMBERSHIP REJECTED THAT OFFER UNANIMOUSLY.
8 THEY WERE CITING FRUSTRATION THAT WE HAVEN'T MADE FORWARD
9 PROGRESS IN OVER A YEAR. THEY WERE SURPRISED THAT-- BY THE
10 TERMS AND THE LANGUAGE AND THEY LOOKED AT THIS CONTRACT OFFER
11 AS A TAKEAWAY AS OPPOSED TO ADVANCING FORWARD. THEY HAVE
12 DIRECTED ME TO REJECT THIS OFFER AND THEY HAVE URGED ME TO
13 ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY'S NEGOTIATING UNIT TO COME TO THE TABLE
14 WITH AN OFFER THAT BOTH PARTIES CAN AGREE ON AND WE CAN MOVE
15 FORWARD WITH.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. STEVE?

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19 **STEVE REMIGE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS
20 STEVE REMIGE AND I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS
21 ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR TO YOUR
22 NEGOTIATORS LONG BEFORE NOW THAT THE BOARD'S LAST SALARY
23 CONTRACT PROPOSAL WOULD BE OVERWHELMINGLY REJECTED AND IT WAS.
24 ALADS MEMBERS VOTED DOWN THE DISMAL PAY PACKAGE BY A MARGIN OF
25 50-TO-1. OUR MEMBERS, THE RANK AND FILE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND



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1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS, WANT NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT
2 IT TAKES TO KEEP OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST ON THE JOB, PROTECTING
3 LIVES AND PROPERTIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
4 YOUR LAST OFFER WAS REJECTED BY OUR MEMBERS BECAUSE IT FELL
5 WELL SHORT OF THAT GOAL. AND, AFTER TWO YEARS AT THE TABLE,
6 OUR MEMBERS HAVE A REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT YOUR PROPOSALS
7 WOULD MOVE TOWARDS CLOSING THE GAP, NOT MAKING OUR DIFFERENCES
8 EVEN GREATER. DOZENS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RIGHT HERE IN
9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARE STEALING OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST. THOSE
10 AGENCIES ARE RECRUITING OUR MEMBERS WITH BETTER PAY AND
11 BENEFIT PACKAGES. FOR EVERY DEPUTY SHERIFF THEY TAKE AWAY FROM
12 OUR DEPARTMENT, WE LOSE MORE THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
13 IN TRAINING COSTS. ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 6,000 DEPUTY
14 SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS, WE URGE YOU TO
15 MAKE A FAIR INVESTMENT IN THE SWORN PERSONNEL YOU ALREADY HAVE
16 ON THE JOB. WE URGE YOU TO RETURN TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS TABLE
17 WITH A COMPETITIVE GOOD FAITH OFFER. WE WANT A PACKAGE THAT
18 WILL KEEP US ON THE JOB HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE STATUS, FROM MR. JANSSEN.

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24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE QUESTION?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STATUS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

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3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I THINK IT'S PRETTY CLEAR WHAT THE
4 STATUS IS. THIS IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT IN CLOSED
5 SESSION AND WE CAN DOCKET AN ITEM TO DO SO NEXT WEEK.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT IN OPEN SESSION?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S DO IT IN OPEN SESSION. SO WHAT CAN YOU
10 DO TO BEGIN THE NEGOTIATIONS? ENCOURAGE THE NEGOTIATIONS.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, MR. SUPERVISOR...

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. IS THERE ANY DEAL,
15 ANY AGREEMENT, ANY CONTRACT THAT CAN BE REACHED THAT DOESN'T
16 INCLUDE A PENSION BENEFIT INCREASE OR ARE YOU NOT GOING-- IS
17 YOUR MEMBERSHIP, ARE YOU GOING TO INSTRUCT OR REQUEST YOUR
18 MEMBERS NOT TO APPROVE ANY CONTRACT THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE A
19 PENSION BENEFIT INCREASE? I'LL ADDRESS IT TO ALL OF YOU.

20

21 **JOHN STITES:** WELL, IF I MAY ANSWER, FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE ONE
22 OF THE FEW AGENCIES THAT HASN'T SEEN A BENEFIT BUT-- ALLOW ME
23 TO SPEAK-- BUT ANY REASONABLE OFFER THAT WE WOULD TAKE TO OUR
24 MEMBERSHIP, I'M SURE THEY WOULD CONSIDER. BUT DO UNDERSTAND
25 THAT WE WENT FROM 12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE AS



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1 FAR AS SALARY AND BENEFITS TO SOMEWHERE AROUND 234 IN A VERY
2 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN I LOOK ACROSS THIS COUNTY AND I
3 FIND THAT SOME AGENCIES ARE PAYING THEIR LINE POLICE OFFICERS
4 SOMETHING COMPARABLE TO WHAT WE'RE PAYING OUR SERGEANTS NOW, I
5 FIND THAT OF GREAT CONCERN. WE'RE NOT COMPETITIVE AND WE'RE
6 NOT GOING TO KEEP THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN COMING TO US. SO
7 WE CAN LOOK AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CARE TO PUT ON THE
8 TABLE.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT, FROM MY-- AND
11 I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE OTHERS, TOO, THAT, BECAUSE MAYBE THE
12 INFORMATION THAT'S SEEPING UP TO ME IS GETTING WATERED DOWN OR
13 MODIFIED IN SOME WAY OR CORRUPTED IN SOME WAY IN TERMS OF ITS
14 ACCURACY. I JUST WANT TO-- BECAUSE THE IMPRESSION I'VE HAD IS
15 THAT WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING OUT FOR IS PENSION BENEFIT INCREASES
16 AND THAT, UNLESS THERE IS SOME SIGNIFICANT-- SIGNIFICANT
17 INCREASE IN PENSION BENEFITS, THERE'S NO-- NO DEAL THAT YOU
18 COULD ENDORSE. SO I TAKE IT, FROM WHAT YOU JUST SAID, THAT
19 THAT'S NOT THE CASE, BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT GET THE SAME PENSION
20 BENEFITS SOME OTHER JURISDICTIONS DO BUT THEN THE OTHER
21 JURISDICTIONS DON'T GET THE MEGA FLEX THAT YOU DO AND A LOT OF
22 OTHER BENEFITS SO IT ALL...

23

24 **JOHN STITES:** I DON'T KNOW WHOSE GETTING MEGA FLEX. I'M NOT AND
25 I DON'T THINK ANY OF MY MEMBERS ARE. WELL, MAYBE UNREPRESENTED



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1 MEMBERS, PERHAPS, BUT NOT US. IF YOU WANT ME TO COMMIT AND SAY
2 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONSIDER RETIREMENT ISSUES OR PENSION
3 BENEFITS, I CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE OUR MEMBERSHIP IS VERY MUCH
4 AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM AND WE'RE
5 WATCHING THEM LEAVE. BUT IF YOU WANT TO COME TO THE TABLE,
6 AND, SIR, I WOULD SUGGEST PERHAPS YOU SHOULD COME TO THE TABLE
7 YOURSELF AND WE SIT DOWN AND HASH THIS THING OUT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO THANKS. I APPRECIATE THE INVITATION BUT
10 I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE OTHERS.

11

12 **STEVE REMIGE:** FOR MY ISSUE WITH THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS HERE, YOU
13 KNOW, WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT HAS BECOME
14 NOW THE INDUSTRY STANDARD IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT. OUR DEPUTIES ARE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE
16 GROUP. THEY'RE GOING TO GO WHERE THE BEST AND BENEFITS CAN BE
17 FOUND. THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER HUMAN BEING.
18 THEY'RE LOOKING OUT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THAT'S
19 THE MESSAGE THAT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO ME BY OUR MEMBERSHIP,
20 ESPECIALLY IN THIS LAST RATIFICATION VOTE HERE THAT, YOU KNOW,
21 WAS 50-TO-1 TURNED DOWN BY THE MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE IT DID NOT
22 INCLUDE WHAT THE MEMBERSHIP WAS LOOKING FOR.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY DEPUTIES HAVE LEFT TO GO TO OTHER
25 JURISDICTIONS? DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY?



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2 **STEVE REMIGE:** WE, AT THE UNION, DON'T TRACK THAT BUT I'M SURE
3 THE SHERIFF DOES. AND A ROUGH ESTIMATE THAT I COULD GIVE YOU,
4 I WOULD SAY, ON ANY GIVEN MONTH, THERE'S ANYWHERE FROM EIGHT
5 TO 10 DEPUTY SHERIFFS THAT LEAVE TO GO TO OTHER AGENCIES ON
6 TOP OF WHAT NORMALLY RETIRES OR MOVES ON OR WHATEVER THEY'RE
7 GOING TO DO, GETS OUT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR SOMETHING LIKE
8 THAT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, MOVE ON IS DIFFERENT AND RETIRE IS
11 DIFFERENT. WHAT I'M INTERESTED IN IS HOW MANY HAVE LEFT TO GO
12 TO OTHER AGENCIES. MAYBE YOU CAN GET US THAT INFORMATION FROM
13 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. DAVID?

14

15 **STEVE REMIGE:** I CAN TELL YOU THAT JUST TWO WEEKEND AGO, THERE
16 WAS A JOB FAIR IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE
17 COUNTY HERE, RECRUITERS FROM ALL OVER, AGENCIES ALL OVER THE
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA. IN THOSE THREE DAYS, WE HAD OVER 300
19 DEPUTY SHERIFFS COME DOWN, LOOK AT WHAT WAS BEING OFFERED BY
20 THESE OTHER AGENCIES.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO ANSWER?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, I JUST-- I WOULD JUST ADD ON
2 THAT JOB FAIR ISSUE, WHAT'S ALWAYS AMAZED ME IS, AT OUR OWN
3 COUNTY JOB FAIRS, OTHER POLICE AGENCIES ARE THERE TO RECRUIT.

4

5 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, 80% OF MY MEMBERSHIP ARE NOT
6 PENSIONED EMPLOYEES AND, WHEN OUR MEMBERSHIP REJECTED THE
7 OFFER UNANIMOUSLY, PENSION AND RETIREMENT WAS NOT A SUBJECT
8 OF-- TOPIC OF SUBJECT AND SO THEY REJECTED IT BASED ON THE
9 OFFER ALONE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE SALARY. DAVID?

12

13 **STEVE REMIGE:** I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE IS, YOU KNOW, NOT
14 TO SURFACE BARGAIN, IF YOU WILL, BUT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES.
15 THERE HAVE BEEN CONVERSATIONS AND CONCEPTUAL CONVERSATIONS
16 CONCERNING BOTH BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS, PENSION ISSUES, AND
17 SALARY AND I THINK, TO DATE, IT WOULD BE FAIR TO CHARACTERIZE
18 THAT WE'VE HIT A BARRIER IN ALL OF THOSE AREAS, NOT ALLOWING
19 ANY OF THEM TO GO FORWARD.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SAY THAT AGAIN, I COULDN'T...

22

23 **STEVE REMIGE:** WE'VE HIT A BARRIER IN BOTH OF THOSE ARENAS TO
24 WHERE NOTHING IS GOING FORWARD, NEITHER TALKS OR DISCUSSIONS
25 ON PENSION ISSUES NOR SALARY. NO REASONABLE OFFER OR EVEN TALK



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1 AROUND ANY REASONABLE OFFER WOULD BE WALKED AWAY FROM FROM MY
2 GROUP. THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PUT IT. WE'RE IN THERE TO GET A
3 DEAL DONE, WHETHER IT INCLUDES A PENSION ENHANCEMENT OR
4 DOESN'T IS LEFT TO THE BARGAINING TABLE. BUT WE'RE COMMITTED
5 TO GETTING THERE AND, REALLY, IT'S GOING TO BE A GRIND, NOT
6 UNLIKE ANY OTHER ISSUE YOU HAVE HERE TODAY TO GET THIS DONE
7 BUT I THINK IT'S CLEAR THE TIME HAS COME FOR US ALL TO GET IN
8 THERE AND I THINK WE ALL WANT TO CLEAR THIS OFF OUR PLATES SO
9 LET'S GET ALL THE FACTS IN AND TRY TO GET IT DONE. I'M
10 COMMITTED TO THAT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST-- SO-- WHAT I'M GETTING FROM THIS IS
13 THAT THE PENSION ENHANCEMENT NOT A MAKE-OR-BREAK DEAL FOR ANY
14 OF YOU, FOR THE THREE OF YOU FOR WHOM IT'S AN ISSUE. IS THAT A
15 FAIR STATEMENT?

16

17 **STEVE REMIGE:** I DON'T THINK THAT IS. I THINK IT...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS A MAKE-OR-BREAK ISSUE? YOU WON'T
20 ACCEPT A DEAL WITHOUT A 3% AT 55?

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22 **STEVE REMIGE:** I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE THAT CAN'T JUST
23 BE DISCARDED QUICKLY LIKE THAT. IT NEEDS TO BE, IN CONTEXT
24 DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE'RE WHERE WE ARE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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5 **STEVE REMIGE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND
8 WAITING. OKAY. READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION PLEASE.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
11 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
13 CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
14 LITIGATION; ITEM CS-2, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR
15 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER,
16 DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES; AND ITEM CS-3, CONSIDERATION
17 OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE
18 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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